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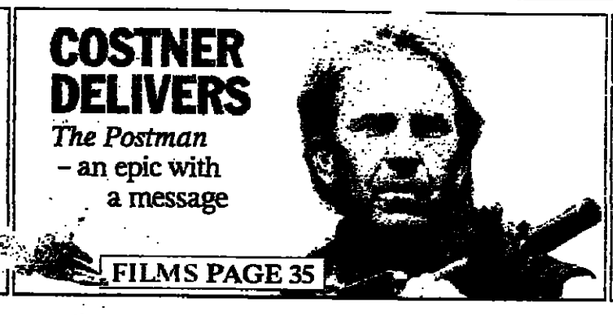
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Faulty joints may have to be replaced

5,000 sought for check on hip implants

BY RACHEL ELLIS, OLIVER AUGUST AND PETER FOSTER

FIVE THOUSAND people who have undergone hip replacement operations are being sought because they have been given faulty implants that can come loose and erode healthy bones, causing fractures.

The patients — mostly pensioners — were given Capital 3M hip replacements between August 1991 and April last year. Some may have to have repeat operations, while others will need to be X-rayed and be carefully monitored by doctors. The process could cost £10,000 per patient.

The Department of Health is due to issue a warning about the prosthesis today and the manufacturer, 3M Health Care, is setting up a helpline for doctors in anticipation of a flood of calls — although it declined to comment on the move last night.

People affected will be contacted by individual hospitals and GPs will be sent information about the replacement hip so that they can advise their patients. They are being asked not to use the helpline, whose number will be released today.

The warning from the Government's Medical Devices Agency, which monitors the use of medical equipment, comes after growing concern about the Capital 3M hip. Doctors from Harlow Wood orthopaedic hospital in Nottingham published a paper last year saying that a quarter of patients with that hip experienced early failure of the implant. Hip replacements are supposed to last 20 years, but the 3M lasted on average just over two years, they said, attributing the problem to its titanium nitride-coated surface.

About 40,000 hip replacements are carried out every year and more than 140,000 people are awaiting the operation. The most famous recipient is, of course, the Queen Mother, who demonstrated the effectiveness of the operation on Tuesday when she walked out of hospital with very little support just 23 days after undergoing her second hip replacement.

She had broken her bone after tripping on loose asphalt while inspecting the royal stud at Sandringham. Her right hip joint had already been replaced in 1995.

There are more than a hundred types of hip prosthesis for surgeons to choose from, with the shaft of the artificial head of the femur slotting into the shaft of the existing bone.

Michael Pearse, who has a hip practice at Central Middlesex Hospital and is head of orthopaedic trauma at Charing Cross Hospital, said: "If the prosthesis fails early, the bone becomes thin and revision becomes more difficult. All the patients should be reviewed. We know that these implants don't last the course, but they are still being produced."

Medical devices do not have to meet the stringent controls imposed on the pharmaceutical industry, but a 1995 European directive to be implemented by this June will require clinical evaluation of new implants.

The Loughborough-based 3M Health Care is part of the American Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M) company which operates in three areas: industrial products, electronics and medical products. The company, the 63rd biggest in America, is best-known for its invention of the Post-It Note, which is said to have been developed out of a failed attempt to create a new super-glue.

The company was founded as Durex Abrasives in 1902 by five Minnesota businessmen who wanted to sell Corundum to manufacturers of grinding wheels. Its name was changed to Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing in 1951 and to 3M in 1971.

Based in St Paul, Minnesota, it now has about 300 sales offices and distribution centres in 60 countries. Half of its sales come from overseas and Europe is its biggest market, although it is currently expanding in Asia. According to the latest figures, 3M's UK businesses reported a pre-tax profit of £36 million in 1996 on a turnover of £635 million.

The company claims to invest a high proportion of its profits into research and development. It actively encourages staff creativity, allowing them to spend 15 per cent of their work day, called "bootleg time", tinkering with new products. The policy appears to pay off: about a third of the company's revenue comes from products introduced within the past four years.

SIMON WALKER



Enoch Powell's widow, Pamela, is flanked by her daughters Jennifer, left, and Susan as they leave St Margaret's Church, Westminster, yesterday after the funeral service for her husband. A second service was later held in Warwick. Report, page 6. William Rees-Mogg, page 20

Redwood rebuked over attack on Kohl

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND MICHAEL BINYON

WILLIAM HAGUE publicly slapped down John Redwood last night, ordering him to withdraw an attack on the decision to grant Helmut Kohl the freedom of the City of London.

The Shadow President of the Board of Trade had said that the Government and the City were wrong to recognise Herr Kohl and suggested that the Prime Minister had been behind the honour to help to "prepare for the abolition of the pound by stealth".

The attack, under the headline "The City must not honour EMU", came in a press release published on Tory Central Office paper. But Mr Redwood had clearly not consulted his colleagues about it and at precisely the moment the German Chancellor was being honoured at Guildhall, Mr Hague was ordering Mr Redwood to withdraw his statement.

With Michael Howard on his way to represent the Conservatives at the ceremony, Mr Hague took his trade spokesman aside after last night's Shadow Cabinet meeting and told him that his criticism was ill-judged. Within minutes a senior Tory source said: "Mr Redwood's press release is withdrawn." Mr Hague's spokesman made clear that the Tory leader strongly supported the award and said that Mr Hague believed Herr Kohl had made an outstanding contribution to the world through the unification of Germany without bloodshed.

Mr Redwood's statement had said: "Many British people have no personal dislike of Chancellor Kohl, but are strongly against monetary union. As monetary union is Chancellor Kohl's crusade, the City's decision over EMU has been overwhelmed by their endorsement of its architect."

Suggesting that Tony Blair was behind the honour, he continued: "If Mr Blair does want to recognise Mr Kohl he should say so and do so openly. Instead he has embarrassed the City of London who will now be entertaining a most important guest against the most unfortuante background of a street protest.

"The City to make amends will ingore Chancellor Kohl's work on monetary union in their citation. This is as realistic as honouring Nelson Mandela but saying you did not necessarily agree with his moving and brilliant campaign against apartheid."

The statement brought a swift response from Labour: the Prime Minister's spokesman described it as

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Tamworth no 3 is on the run

A pig from the same litter as the Tamworth Two was being sought last night after escaping just before he was due to go to the slaughterhouse.

The pig escaped as Mike Hawker was trying to load him into a van at his farm in Wiltshire. The pig's siblings spent several days on the run last month.

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BMW steals a lead with new Rolls

BY ALAN COPPS

THE first Rolls-Royce to be powered by a BMW engine goes on sale next month, making it increasingly likely that the last remaining major carmaker in British hands will be sold to the German company that already owns Rover.

The Silver Seraph will be launched on March 3 at the Geneva Motor Show, much earlier than originally thought. It is the first new model from the company for 18 years and only the ninth in its 90-year history. It is the first of a new generation of cars designed to keep the world's most prestigious manufacturer competitive into the 21st century.

It has a V12 engine, five-speed automatic transmission and is expected to sell for around £150,000. It will be followed in three months time by a Bentley model, the Arnage, with a V8 BMW engine and a slightly lower price tag.

The models represent a huge step forward for the company. The Seraph is lighter, has softer, more flowing lines and is more manoeuvrable than the traditional Rolls-Royce. But the interior will retain the marque's luxurious use of leather and wood. The BMW engines replace a V8 based on a General Motors design that dates back to the 1950s.

The launch comes as Vickers, parent company of Rolls-Royce Motors which it announced its intention to sell last year, holds talks with at least five bidders including BMW, Volkswagen, Daimler-Benz — which owns Mercedes — and Toyota. A consortium led by Formula One racing tycoon Bernie Ecclestone and the Rolls-Royce Action Group, formed by enthusiasts determined to keep the company in British hands, have also expressed an interest. No price has been put on the company by Vickers but it is thought to be worth £400million. Graham Morris, chief executive of Rolls-Royce Motors, has said price is not the only factor in determining the bidder.

Although the use of a BMW engine was no secret, the speed with which the new car has been designed, built and launched will take the motor industry by surprise and is likely to dismay BMW's rival bidders. Last month Bernd Pischetsrieder, BMW chairman, made it clear that if a rival succeeded in buying Rolls-Royce it would cease to supply engines. However, a Vickers spokesman, said yesterday that the engine deal included safeguards to prevent any overnight cut-off of supplies.

The company had gone to great lengths to keep the early launch date and name of the new car secret but it leaked yesterday in the American magazine *Automotive News*.



The Silver Seraph: a touch of luxury for about £150,000

Suspected Paris serial killer held

A MAN wanted by French police for questioning about serial killings in Paris is being held in London, Scotland Yard confirmed yesterday (Stewart Tendler writes).

The so-called "Beast of Bastille" has been linked to seven murders and one attempted killing between 1991 and 1997 — all in the centre of Paris.

The man was arrested in central London by officers from the Yard's extradition squad after a tip-off by Paris police. Last night he was being held under the Immigration and Nationality Act 1971 until Paris officers arrived to return him to France.

A photofit of a suspect in the serial killings had been circulated throughout Europe last week. Earlier this month, French police said that they suspected the murderer might be hiding in either London or Belgium.

Cheap and cheerful – Brown's No 11 floorshow

BY ANDREW PIERCE
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN has added to Labour's embarrassment over lavish spending by the Lord Chancellor by vetoing expensive new carpets at 11 Downing Street in favour of bare floorboards.

The Chancellor reinforced his reputation for thrift when he was confronted by a threadbare carpet in the State Room, the grandest at his official residence.

"He told his staff to throw the carpet in the dustbin and leave the bare boards in their place," said one Labour MP last night. Mr Brown, famous for his austere tastes, never even considered a replacement Axminster. He ordered his staff to polish the floorboards instead. The back-to-basics solution cost the taxpayer £200.

The Treasury refused to discuss the finer points of the interior decoration of the Chancellor's grace-and-afvour home. But it emerged yesterday that the penny-pinching Chancellor ordered his functionaries to hire a polishing machine and do the job themselves. Such machines can be hired for as little as £30 a day.

The meagre expenditure at No 11 is in stark contrast to the £650,000 being spent on Lord Irvine of Lairg's official apartments at the House of Lords. The carpets, at £34 a square yard, will cost £21,000.

A Downing Street spokesman was reluctant to elaborate on the latest ministerial interior decoration disclosures last night, saying: "It falls into the absolute total trivia category of public life. I have no idea whether there is a new carpet or an old carpet or a frayed carpet and frankly I don't much care."

But privately ministerial sources were furious that controversy over Lord Irvine had been kept simmering and they claimed to detect an attempt to smear the Lord Chancellor in a row being dubbed "polishgate" by gleeful Tory MPs last night.

The contrasting styles of the Cabinet colleagues came to light at a reception on Tuesday for Emily's List, which was set up to campaign for more women MPs.

The Chancellor maintained his parsimonious approach with arrangements for the reception. The food was paid for by Ken Follett, the millioniare novelist, whose wife Barbara, a Labour MP, was a founder member of Emily's List. The wine was laid on by the Co-operative Wholesale Society.



"Would you still love me if I told you my flat was more Gordon Brown than Lord Irvine?"

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Blair beats Thatcher to the out-of-body experience

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

On the Front Bench yesterday the Prime Minister underwent an out-of-body experience. He called himself "he". Something similar once happened to Margaret Thatcher. For her, the personal pronoun "I" began to lack the requisite majesty. En route for Moscow she remarked: "We are in the fortunate position in Britain of being, as it were, the senior person in power." She finally saw herself as a plurality. "We are a grandmother," she told the crowd outside Downing Street. But that was not before 1989. It had taken her ten years.

It has taken Tony Blair ten months. Majesty now leads him, too, to ditch the vulgar "I" — but not for "we". During Prime Minister's Questions yesterday a certain Mr Anthony Blair MP told backbenchers what he thought the Prime Minister could not do.

Peter Atkinson (C, Hexham) had reminded Blair of a phrase in Labour's manifesto promising to force companies to recognise a trade union — but not unless "a majority of the workforce" wanted this. Could he tell the House what that meant? "No, he can't," replied Mr Blair.

So the Prime Minister is now able to step outside his own person, walk around himself, inspect himself, give himself a prod or two, and discuss himself as a sort of dignified object. Mr Blair offers his own (very privileged) description of the mind of this lofty personage. Whatever he does eventually do, he will be able to praise his wisdom in doing it. In time he may even ask himself respectful questions, which will save having to plant them on the jellyfish occupying the benches behind him.

It has long been a tradition in the House that Members do not call each other "you" but address each other through the Chair. Thus an MP refers to his opponent as "the hon Member" and asks for "his" (or "her") response. This has nothing to do with pomp or circumstance: it is to stop people hitting each other. By standing back from that brutally direct pronoun "you" MPs are distanced from the personal, and encouraged to conduct exchanges in a detached way. You do not say "Oi — you!": you say "Madam Speaker, might I might have the Rt hon Gentleman's attention" — which draws the sting.

Outside Parliament in Britain there are only a few other circumstances when "you" is commonly avoided. One is when an adult is addressing an infant. "Mummy is *not* cross that Jamie has soiled his romper-suit: she's *just very, very* sad."

The other is addressing nobs. A king or queen (or a duke or duchess) ought not to be addressed as "you" but referred to as "Your Majesty" (or, to a duke: "Your Grace). "Does Your Majesty take sugar in his tea?" one might ask. There is an old *Punch* joke in which a caller at the ducal doors inquires of a doorman: "Are their graces within?" Comes the reply: "'is is, 'ers ain't."

This custom has arisen out of respect for hierarchy. It was once forbidden even to look at a king; now we show deference by not calling him "you". A monarch may also refer to himself in the third person, saying, for instance, "the King is pleased . . ."

In calling *himself* "he" yesterday, I suspect the Prime Minister mistook the parliamentary use of the third person for something half way between the kingly use and the "Mummy is not cross" use. Unsure whether talking to a backbencher was like talking to a serf or a baby, he adopted a speech-pattern appropriate to either.

Your sketchwriter (*oops*) deplores the habit.

Private sector to replace State in welfare reforms

BY JILL SHERMAN AND NICHOLAS WATT

THE Green Paper on welfare reforms will pave the way for a massive expansion of private-sector provision and a dwindling role for the State, Frank Field disclosed last night.

The Welfare Minister indicated that more people would provide for themselves by taking out insurance or joining private schemes. Mr Field, whose Green Paper is being studied by the Prime Minister's Welfare Committee before its publication next month, said that welfare would expand to meet the growing demands of the under-65s, but the bill would no longer be met in full by the State.

"The welfare budget will increase, but the proportion of this larger bill footed directly by the taxpayer will fall." The Government was now considering what should still be provided by state cover "and which should sensibly be undertaken by people individually, or through other forms of collective cover," he said.

Ministers are already planning to introduce a second "stakeholder" pension under which individuals would take out their own private scheme. Mr Field said the aim was to contain administrative costs which deter people from taking out a private pension. In the Beveridge Memorial Lecture, Mr Field gave a comprehensive critique of the postwar social security system and the need for change. Before 1948, two thirds of benefit claimants were of retirement age and now two thirds of claimants are younger than that, he said. The number of lone-parent families and those on long-term sick and disability benefits had gone up substantially.

"The big vision now rightly encompasses more than one which simply piles all our expectations onto Government," he said.

Mr Field also signalled much closer ties between the Department of Social Security and the Department for Education and Employment to help people to acquire skills and to prevent poverty. Welfare should alleviate poverty but this should be combined "with measures to help lift them free from poverty, indeed, to prevent them from becoming poor in the first place."

Treasury ministers are keen to replace the industrial injuries scheme with social insurance and is also looking at insurance schemes for nursing care. Ministers are also looking across the whole range of disability benefits to see if more could be provided through individual insurance.

Mr Field emphasised that Labour was still the champion of the poor, but he argued that, to remain in power, the party had to appeal to a much broader electorate, including Middle England. "The poor and the working class are no longer terms which can be accurately interchanged. And the poor no longer have enough votes to win an election."

The dilemmas faced by ministers were highlighted yesterday by a Commons committee which published a report on reforms to America's welfare provision. MPs on the Social Security Committee, who travelled to America to examine the "Wisconsin Works" project, said the scheme had succeeded in moving people off benefits and into work, but only through increased spending and unacceptable penalties. The MPs said the scheme provided useful lessons, but was too harsh for Britain.

Under the Wisconsin scheme, single mothers are expected to return to work once their youngest child is 12 weeks old. Parents who claim that they cannot work because of the high costs of childcare are given help on condition that they find work.

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MIKE BROWN



Sinn Fein Chairman Mitchel McLaughlin leads his delegation from the High Court in Dublin yesterday

Sinn Fein awaits expulsion ruling

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THREE days of political and legal manoeuvering in Dublin ended last night with Sinn Fein still fighting a furious rearguard action against its expulsion from the peace talks.

The British and Irish governments were weighing the views of all seven participating parties before announcing whether Sinn Fein should be expelled, at least for a few weeks, for two murders in Belfast last week blamed on the IRA. That announcement could come today.

Sinn Fein separately sought an injunction in Dublin's High Court blocking its expulsion on grounds of natural justice. Its legal team claimed Sinn Fein had been denied access to the evidence, had no connection to the killingsn and had an electoral mandate to attend the talks. After two hours Mr Justice Frederick Morris adjourned the hearing until today.

The peace talks moved to Dublin on Monday in the hope that a change of venue might inject some momentum into the process. They left town last night after three days of what can only be called high farce.

Scores of ministers, politicians and officials attended, all staying at public expense in Dublin's finest hotels. Hundreds of national and international journalists converged on Dublin Castle. The exercise consumed millions of man-hours and hundreds of thousands of pounds, yet the negotiators exchanged not a single word on the future governance of Northern Ireland.

Sinn Fein — media manipulators *par excellence* — hogged centre stage from beginning to end. In the talks and courts they waged their battle against expulsion. They came facing almost certain ejection for two IRA murders in Belfast last week, and left having somehow contrived to portray themselves as victims of a "lynch mob" led by the British Government and the Ulster Unionists.

Even George Mitchell, the eternally optimistic talks chairman, admitted last night that "nobody ever said it would be easy — and that was an understatement".

Stadium disaster relatives plan to sue police

BY POLLY NEWTON AND RICHARD FORD

RELATIVES of fans who died in the Hillsborough football disaster are threatening to bring private prosecutions against the police after Jack Straw announced yesterday that there will be no fresh inquiry into the tragedy.

The Home Secretary said a study of alleged new evidence had discovered nothing of significance to add to the findings of the original inquiry into the deaths of 96 Liverpool fans at the Sheffield stadium in 1989.

The relatives reacted furiously to the decision, which was revealed to them by Mr Straw at a private meeting in the House of Commons shortly before he made a formal statement to MPs.

Trevor Hicks, chairman of the Hillsborough Families Support Group, said members were determined to bring private prosecutions against senior officers in charge of policing the match.

"Today it shows that even new Labour are capable of hanging onto the same old rhetoric, the same old cover-ups and the same old inability to face up to what is gross negligence . . . nobody is to blame, nobody loses a day's pay and the families take the pain," Mr Hicks said.

In a Commons statement Mr Straw expressed his "most profound sympathy" for the dismay felt by the families but said he believed Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, who carried out the scrutiny of alleged new evidence, had done a thorough and comprehensive job.

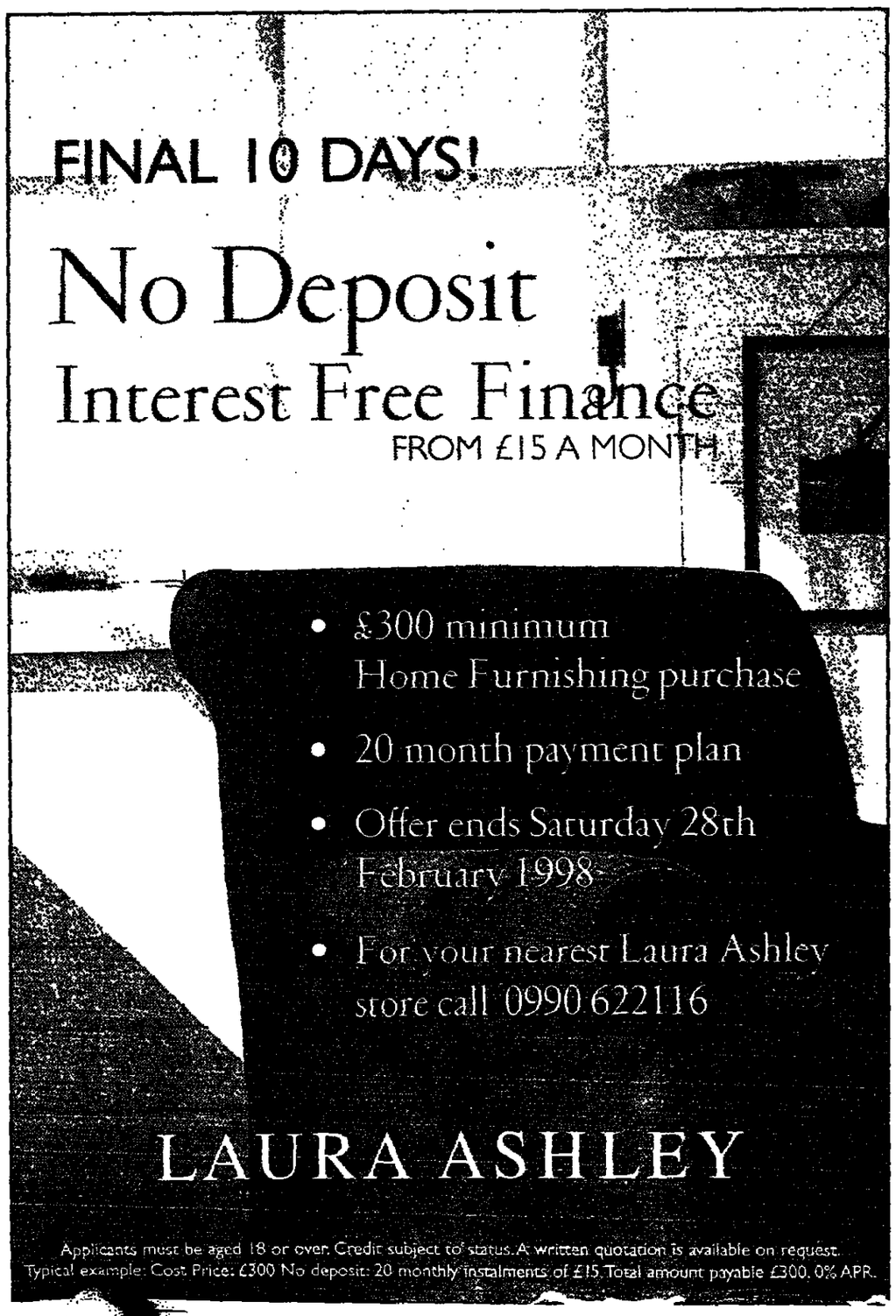
"With any major disaster it is almost inevitable that over the course of time some new information may become available. But that does not necessarily mean that the outcome of any previous inquiries would have been different," he said.

He admitted that "the system" had "failed" the families in that no police officers had been charged or disciplined, even though Lord Justice Taylor of Gosforth's original public inquiry blamed a "failure of control" by South Yorkshire Police for the disaster.

Mr Straw said this highlighted serious shortcomings in the police discipline system and promised to introduce reforms soon. The Government is also to bring forward reforms of coroners' inquests after the Home Secretary accepted that they were "unsuitable" for investigating major disasters where there had already been a full public inquiry.

The key new evidence studied by Lord Justice Stuart-Smith was a video from a CCTV at the Leppings Lane End of the ground which police initially said was taken by a faulty camera and then said was missing. There was also said to be medical evidence that some victims who died were still alive after 3.15pm, the cut-off time imposed by Stefan Popper, the coroner.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith concluded that there was no new video evidence which was not available to the original inquiry or the inquest. He dismissed suggestions that the inquest was flawed.



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"extraordinarily puerile", while Margaret Beckett wrote to Mr Hague to protest. She said it was "an attack on the City authorities and a breathtaking insult to Chancellor Kohl, the leader of one of this country's most important trading partners and allies."

Mr Redwood was right in saying that Herr Kohl would face street protests — about a hundred demonstrators were outside Guildhall carrying placards saying "Nein to the EU", "Save our £" and "No to Kohl's European empire". Some chanted "Britain out, Britain out".

But Herr Kohl delivered his speech unaware of the political dispute his award had caused — and he, himself, stoked the controversy over monetary union by declaring his belief that it was "clear to anyone listening" that the City of London had long accepted the "tremendous change" of the single currency.

The euro would boost employment, stability and world peace, he said. Financial experts, especially in the City, were convinced a single currency was coming and welcomed it. Wall Street, too, would get used to the idea that the euro was the world's other great currency to rival the dollar.

"The euro will not only strengthen Europe economically, it will also make for a more deeply integrated European Union as a system of promoting peace and freedom." It would also distinctly improve the climate for investment and employment in Europe.

Blair maintains hard line over Annan mission

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR laid down strict preconditions yesterday before any diplomatic solution resulting from Kofi Annan's visit to Baghdad could be accepted.

In remarks that suggested the Prime Minister shares President Clinton's scepticism over whether the UN Secretary-General's mission can succeed, Mr Blair told the Commons that there must be "no inhibition preventing inspectors doing their work and nothing must undermine the inspections process".

Mr Blair wished the mission success but he insisted that it was within agreed parameters. He was clearly making plain in advance that there could be no watering down of American and British demands on Saddam.

At the same time, Mr Blair received the support of the leading leftwinger in his Cabinet. Clare Short made plain that she will not resign if Britain takes military action against Iraq. Ms Short, who resigned from the Labour front bench over Neil Kinnock's support for the Gulf War in 1991, is making clear that whatever her private views she will abide by collective Cabinet responsibility.

Interviewed in the *New Statesman*, she said it was an "enormously complex crisis for the world". But Saddam could not be ignored and they could not say that because it was complex they should let him get on with it. That would be a "licence to all tyrants to create their own biological and chemical weapons".

Her words are important to Mr Blair. Although only 23 Labour MPs rebelled in the Iraq debate on Tuesday, reservations among Labour MPs are more widely spread and Mr Blair will be hoping to avoid any ministerial resignations as the crisis unfolds.

Yesterday, as he stepped up his efforts to win public support for the use of force, Mr Blair gave the Commons a detailed explanation of how inspectors discovered Saddam's presidential sites.

He said that UN inspectors became convinced that Iraq was operating a concealment mechanism to hide its full weapon-making capability.

Some of the concealed sites were vast compounds. "They are not just palaces, they are vast compounds with hundreds of buildings in them. They could see equipment being moved around, documents being burnt."

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Army to relax its nationality rules

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

HISTORIC rules that have barred people from joining the Armed Forces unless they have parents from Britain, the Commonwealth or the Irish Republic are to be relaxed from April 1, the Government announced yesterday.

Young men and women who were born in this country, although their parents are not British, will now be allowed to enlist in any of the three services, provided they pass rigorous security checks.

Those who have become British after applying for citizenship will also be eligible to join up, even if they have lived in Britain for less than five years. Until now there has been a strict five-year residency requirement. One Ministry of Defence source said: "If someone is a British citizen who has lived in this country at the same address in, say, Hertfordshire for three years and comes through the security vetting, he or she will be able to apply for a job in the Armed Forces."

The relaxation of the parentage rules was announced by John Reid, the Armed Fores Minister, who made it clear that he hoped the relaxation of the rules would help to boost recruiting, particularly in the Army which is still short of about 4,800 trained soldiers.

The view that the nationality rules were out of date arose when it emerged during a Commons exchange that Michael Portillo, who was then the Conservative Defence Secretary, was not eligible to join the Armed Forces because his parents were not both British. Mr Portillo had a Spanish father, the late Luis Gabriel Portillo, and has an English mother.

Dr Reid said yesterday that it was clearly an anomaly that someone could become a British Defence Secretary and yet be barred from joining the Armed Forces.

In certain circumstances, Dr Reid said, where security was of "paramount importance", applicants would be looked at on a case by case basis.

Britannia and the bigamist bride

Helen Johnstone traces the complicated story of a Portsmouth wife who waived the marriage rules



Hayley Bates marrying Andrew Bates, her second husband, on the Isle of Wight in 1994, and, right, the illegal ceremony with Stephen Perry

A WOMAN who bigamously married two sailors from the Royal Yacht *Britannia*, using a divorce paper from an earlier marriage to trick the registrar, was spared jail yesterday.

Hayley Bates, 35, was given a three-month suspended sentence at Portsmouth Crown Court when she admitted perjury. Bates, a civil servant, failed to reveal that she was married when she wed Stephen Perry at the city's register office last January.

The marriage to Mr Perry was declared void two months later when it was discovered that she was married to Andrew Bates. She has since divorced Mr Bates and lives with Mr Perry at Alfon Pantras, near Dorchester. They plan to marry later this year.

Bates, who burst into tears as she left the court supported by Mr Perry, said: "I am not a man-eating bigamist and now I just want to forget the whole thing and look to the future."

The court was told that she had used the decree absolute certificate which ended her first marriage to David Wigmore in 1992. Judge Thomas MacKean said that Bates escaped jail only for special reasons, which included the damage that the case had caused to her health. After the hearing, Bates said: "I know I was wrong. But I genuinely believed I was actually divorced from Andrew so I didn't see the harm in using the absolute from my divorce to Wigmore. The past 12 months have been a nightmare for me and I have lived with the threat of prison hanging over me.

"Steve has stood by me all the way and never doubted me. I love him very much and we plan to get married — for real — as soon as we can."

Simon Privett, for the prosecution, said that she married Mr Bates in November 1994 at Newport, Isle of Wight. But the marriage hit problems and Bates started a relationship with Mr Perry, who had been a guest at the couple's wedding.

Two months after marrying Mr Perry, Bates was arrested by Ministry of Defence police. In interviews she admitted she had used the wrong divorce papers to fool the registrar.

Rosein Magee, representing Bates, said that she was taking three types of anti-depressant drugs, suffered from a stomach complaint because of the strain of the case and had attempted suicide. It was unclear last night who had informed the authorities of the bigamous marriage. Reports that it was the Ministry of Defence were denied by a ministry spokesman at Portsmouth.

Bates met her second husband, Andrew, a stoker on *Britannia*, during Cowes Week in 1994. Shipmates formed a guard of honour for their wedding at the register office at Newport in November that year.

Bates said the relationship came under pressure because Mr Bates's work on the Royal Yacht took him away from home 38 weeks a year. The court was told that she submitted the decree absolute which ended her marriage to Mr Wigmore, and it had been accepted by the registrar before her "third", illegal marriage to Mr Perry in January last year.

Mr Privett said that a charge of bigamy against Bates had been left on the file and at a hearing she admitted perjury in a document not under oath.

Neither Mr Bates, who is now serving as a stoker on *HMS Quorn*, nor Mr Perry were available for comment yesterday.

Mother of murdered girl loses cash claim

BY MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE mother of a girl aged three who was murdered by a care-in-the-community patient broke down yesterday when her £200,000 claim for damages against a health authority was thrown out by the High Court.

Beverley Palmer, a nurse, had claimed that Shaun Armstrong, who abducted her daughter Rosie when she went to buy an ice-lolly, should have been safely locked away at the time of the murder in 1994, and had accused Tees Health Authority of negligence.

But Master Hodgson said that the facts were "hotly in dispute". He said Armstrong had made no specific threats against Mrs Palmer's daughter, and by law there was no duty of care owed by hospitals or those who worked for them "to the world at large or to the female half of the population".

Mrs Palmer, 40, who plans to appeal, said after the hearing: "There was no justice here. The judge accepted there was clear evidence of fault by the health authority."

She had accused the authority of failing to ensure that Armstrong, 36, who suffered from a personality disorder and who had allegedly threatened to kill, was not released into the community. Rosie's body was found by police in the airing cupboard of Armstrong's flat in Hartlepool. He was sent to prison for life at Leeds Crown Court after admitting murder.

Assault claim by Fayed woman

BY A CORRESPONDENT

POLICE are investigating claims that the woman who says Dodi Fayed is the father of her child was attacked and injured by two men in a service station.

Diane Holliday, 36, is recovering in hospital after claiming she was tied up and beaten on her way home from visiting friends in Harwich, Essex. Detectives investigating the incident have been told that it happened at 8pm on Tuesday at the Beacon Hill service station, near Ipswich.

A Suffolk police spokesman said the woman involved claimed her hands were bound and she suffered cuts to her head, hands and bruising to her face. He refused to confirm officially that Ms Holliday, who lives near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, was the victim. She was taken to Ipswich Hospital where she was due to be interviewed by detectives yesterday.

A niece of Ms Holliday, who lives in Harwich, said she had not heard anything about the attack until earlier yesterday and did not know how her aunt was.

Earlier this month, Ms Holliday claimed to be the mother of Mr Fayed's 15-month-old daughter, Marni. She said the girl, who has been adopted, was the product of a brief affair with the Harrods heir who died with Diana, Princess of Wales, in a car crash in Paris last August.

Last week she was arrested and interviewed by police concerning an allegation of deception.

Man whose life was wasted wins apology

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A MAN who says he has had a wasted life received a government apology yesterday. Noel Smith spent 52 years living cautiously because of a misdiagnosis of a heart condition. He wanted to be an opera singer.

The case of Mr Smith, now 75, was raised in the Commons by Eddie O'Hara, MP for Knowsley South, who complained that problems in finding medical records were spoiling his constituent's case for legal redress. In an adjournment debate, Paul Boateng, the Health Minister, said: "I can only express profound regret on behalf of the NHS. I would be only too happy, if it would assist in any way, to meet Mr Smith in order to express to him in person my sincere regrets and the regrets of the service."

Mr Smith was admitted to Myrtle Street Children's Hospital in Liverpool in 1929 with rheumatic fever. He was told by a cardiologist that he had a critical heart condition and would not live beyond his teens. He was taken from his family and forced to live in a home for children with heart problems and placed on a regime of strong drugs to prevent strain on a supposedly defective valve.

For more than half a century, he was made to live like a chronic invalid, avoiding all strenuous exercise and stress and forced to give up any ambitions of being an opera singer in favour of light, low-paid office work.

Mr Smith, of Whiston, Liverpool, was given repeat prescriptions for glyceryl trinitrate for years until, in 1981, he saw a specialist who told him that the first diagnosis had been wrong. He was not sick after all. Since then, he has been trying to seek compensation for what he believes is a wasted life.

In the Commons, Mr O'Hara said that Mr Smith now suffers from degeneration of the cell walls around his veins — a lasting side-effect from the medication. In his own words, his blood vessels are now like a leaky boat, and he suffers chronic leg pain.

It was claimed that Mr Smith had not being given full access to his medical records. Apparently in 1983 his records disappeared to Hertfordshire from Liverpool, and it was not until 1985 that they were returned. Even then, there was a battle to gain access to them and when Mr Smith finally received them, there were key sections missing. The MP said that the lack of access to medical records had been "very mysterious and very sinister".

Mr Smith said: "I am entitled to an explanation." I also know I am entitled to compensation for the pain and injury that I am suffering to this day."

A spokesman for the Department of Health said that the health authority had made strenuous efforts to trace back the records but this had proved impossible for the years before the NHS was established.

Editor who doesn't curry favour with sulky waiters

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE



Iqbal Wahhab: waiters can be "miserable gits"

WAITERS at Britain's Indian restaurants have been branded "miserable gits" by the editor-in-chief of the curry industry's own bible. He says they make dining out more like going to a funeral.

The attack comes in a lengthy, stinging editorial from Iqbal Wahhab, editor-in-chief of the influential monthly *Tandoori Magazine* which calls itself The Voice of the Industry and is mailed direct to 8,000 curry houses in Britain and another 2,000 throughout Europe.

The article advises restaurant owners to cheer up staff by treating them fairly. Weekly bonuses of £100 to waiters who sold the most curries would soon bring a smile to their faces.

At the moment, he complains, nothing typifies the Indian restaurant experience as much as the surly, miserable waiter. "Walk into an Indian restaurant, no matter how posh, and more likely than not you will be greeted by a miserable git. It's as if his day's been ruined by your arrival."

The editorial has the full support of magazine editor Asif Hashmi, who said it was constructive. "We can't afford to be complacent and we have to push our people to achieve even better results."

Jim Ainsworth, editor of the *Good Food Guide*, accused Mr Wahhab of making "silly comments".

The article brought a mixed response from Indian waiters around the country, one of whom said Mr Wahhab was the miserable git.

Wahed Ali, aged 22, from Bournemouth, said: "The guy must have had a bad experience but it's nonsense to brand everyone with the same label. There's a miserable git in every kind of industry but you don't have to put down everyone."

Iqbal Chowdhury, 45, from York, who has been invited to join the judging panel of the Bangladeshi British Curry Award 1998, said: "It is probably true that waiters can be grumpy but the industry is modernising and becoming more professional."

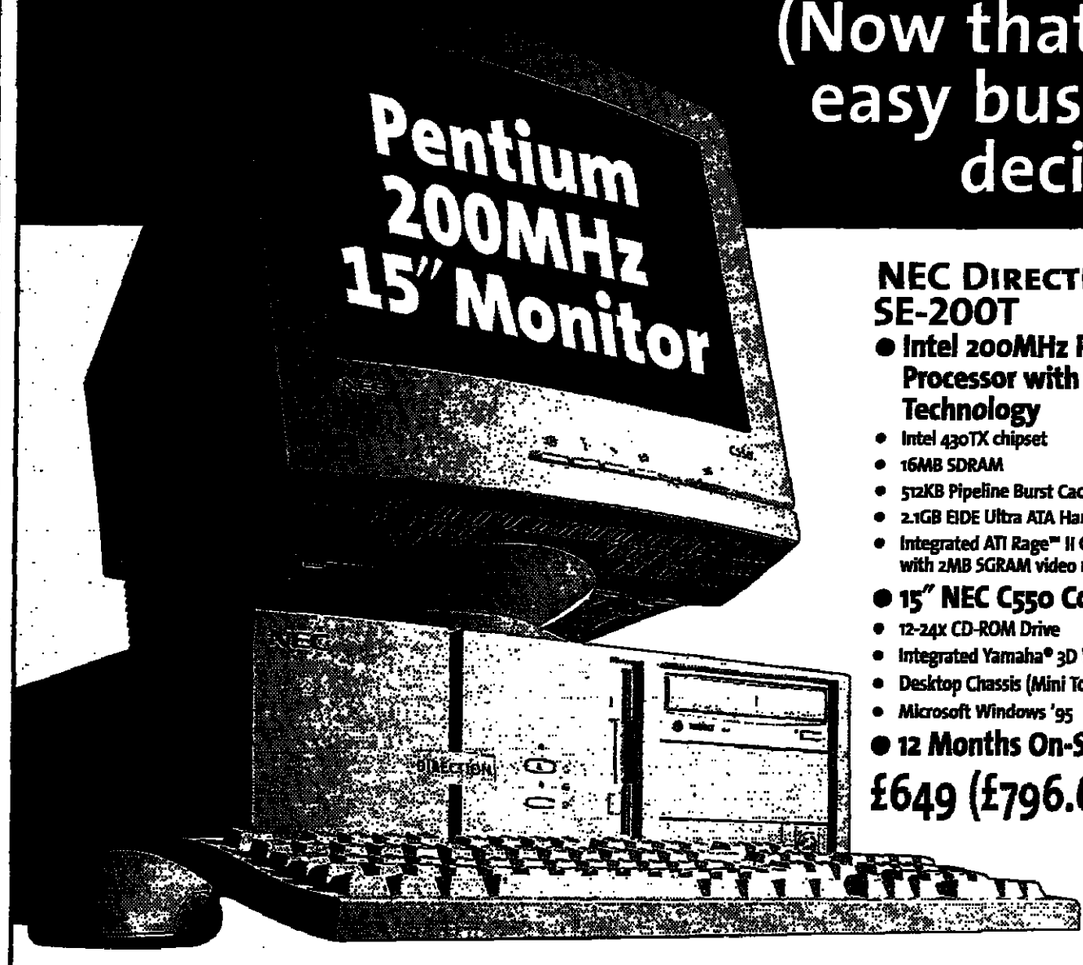
Kuti Miah, managing partner in a Southampton restaurant, said: "I went to a Thai restaurant the other night and the bloke who served me was so unfriendly."

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German alliance jeopardises ban on tobacco adverts

BY JILL SHERMAN AND CHARLES BREMNER

A POWERFUL alliance between Germany and the tobacco industry risks wrecking the European Union directive to ban cigarette advertising that Britain negotiated in December.

British health ministers and EC officials fear that attempts by Germany and the tobacco lobby to amend the directive, which agreed by a majority of member states last year, could scupper the whole policy.

Tobacco companies are said to be trying to sabotage the directive by lobbying individual MEPs to persuade them to table amendments to the directive as it goes through the European Parliament.

Ministers and anti-smoking organisations are worried about "high level" connections between the tobacco lobby and the German Government, which is adamantly opposed to the directive and has already tried to block it on two occasions.

Clive Bates, director of Action on Smoking and Health, said: "It's clear that the tobacco industry is very influential among senior German politicians. We have got the most powerful commercial industry teaming up with the biggest European country to present a formidable challenge to the directive.

"The tobacco advertising directive is balanced on a knife edge. The tobacco lobby wants to put down amendments that appear to be constructive because what they are really trying to do is scupper the directive."

The amendments are actually designed to toughen the ban, by for example calling for a shorter exemption period for Formula One or all sports and stricter controls on advertising at point of sale.

Government sources pointed out that the European Parliament, which is eager to push the directive through, would be keen to tighten up the measure and speed up any advertising ban. They would not accept amendments that would make the ban more lenient. "We know that the tobacco companies and the tobacco lobby are pushing MEPs to table pro-health amendments," one ministerial source said.

Ministers believe that the tactic to woo pro-health MEPs is designed to split member states so that if the amendments are accepted by Parliament, countries could change their vote.

The delicately negotiated deal was agreed at the Council of Health Ministers last December by only one vote, with Greece backing the common position at the last minute. British ministers and officials of the European Commission fear that if the vote is reopened countries such as Greece and Portugal could decide to vote against the directive, which would prevent it from going ahead.

They are also concerned that if it becomes bogged down in a wrangle with the European Parliament the whole issue could get delayed until Austria, which is also opposed to the advertising ban, takes over the presidency.

Under the ban, most tobacco advertising including billboards must be phased out within three years of the law taking effect. Press advertisements must end within four years. Tobacco sponsorship of most sports and arts events and indirect advertising will end within six years. Major international events, such as Formula One motor racing and world snooker championships, must end tobacco sponsorship after eight years and in any case by October 2006.

The European Parliament's environment committee is now expected to take several months to reach a position on the law, making it very unlikely that it could be returned to the Council of Health Ministers in late April, as originally hoped by Britain.



Lighting up the big screen: John Travolta in a scene from *Pulp Fiction*

Smoking stars attacked

BY CAROL MIDGLEY
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

SMOULDERING images of Hollywood stars lighting up cigarettes were condemned by health watchdogs yesterday.

The Health Education Authority said although smoking was banned in most British cinemas the number of scenes showing actors puffing on cigarettes had increased fourfold between 1990 and 1995.

Uma Thurman's hand-rolled cigarettes in *Pulp Fiction* and Bruce Willis's "macho" smoking habit in *Die Hard With a Vengeance* were cited as examples of filmmakers glamorising smoking. Tobacco firms were also accused of using the film industry to get round a future advertising ban.

But pro-smoking campaigners said the report was patronising and neglected the fact that films were supposed to portray real life. "It's ridiculous to suggest that just because someone has see a movie star smoking they are going to rush round the corner and buy a packet of 20," a spokesman for Forest said.

According to the report, the worst offender of 1995's top films were Kevin Costner's *Waterworld*, which contained 121 smoking scenes and the Australian comedy *Muriel's Wedding*, which contained 62.

The study, *Smoking in Films*, found that 80 per cent of the top 10 films made in 1990 and 1995 contained smoking scenes. In 1990 the top ten films contained a total of 83 smoking scenes. By 1991 it had risen to 298.

Three share a date rich in political symbolism

POLITICS seldom produces coincidences as piquant and symbolic as yesterday's trio — the funeral of Enoch Powell, the granting of the Honorary Freedom of the City of London to Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and the reappointment of Eddie George as Governor of the Bank of England for another five years. Which you regard as the most significant says a lot about your temperament and political outlook.

For Tory sceptics and romantics, the death of Mr Powell has been a momentous event. For pro-Europeans, the honouring of Chancellor Kohl is an appropriate recognition of Europe's pre-eminent statesman. For Blairites, the extension of Mr George's tenure reaffirms the Government's commitment to monetary stability and low inflation, while leaving open options on a single currency.

The obituaries of Mr Powell have had a curiously dated character, marked by the black and white film of the "rivers of blood" speech. They have caught his haunting and spell-binding voice, but have somehow missed his real contribution. Mr Powell was more of a sage than a man of power, aspiring to, but never equalling the ability of his hero Joseph Chamberlain to "make the weather". Mr Powell's repeated resignations are seen by admirers as proof of his status as a man of principle, a wronged Cassandra, but they meant that his influence was sporadic and his legacy is more of regret than achievement.

By contrast, Chancellor Kohl has been the man of action who has changed the fate of nations in ways that Mr Powell would love to have done, but never did. Whether or not he loses office this autumn, the Chancellor's contribution is already as substantial as his great predecessor Bismarck, both in his impact on Germany and on Europe — first over unification and, now, over the single currency. Like the first German Chancellor, Herr Kohl has been a brilliant political opportunist with an ability to seize the moment with flair and boldness. He has not only outlasted but also overshadowed all his European counterparts. Margaret Thatcher was in that sense never really a European figure. She crassly mishandled unification, and her international influence was much more on the other side of the Atlantic and east of the Oder.

The Corporation of London was fully justified in honouring Chancellor Kohl for his contribution to Europe, regardless of what one thinks of the merits of monetary union. The protests against the award yesterday by John Redwood and other sceptics sounded churlish and petty-minded. They were like Oxford University's mean-spirited vote against a honorary degree for Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s. Michael Howard, whose sceptic credentials cannot be doubted, showed better judgment in attending the ceremony. Mr Redwood was rightly disowned by William Hague last night for his misjudgment and had to withdraw his press statement. Mr Redwood's one-man campaigns

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to gain press attention are increasingly testing the patience of his frontbench colleagues. He is forgetting that frenetic activity is not the same as political credibility.

Chancellor Kohl used the opportunity of his City honour to argue for the both inevitability and the desirability of the single currency. Many of his hosts last night will have agreed. The Blair Government accepts the inevitability but is cautious in practice. That was signalled by the reappointment of Mr George for a full five years. The Governor has been openly sceptical about whether the conditions for successful monetary union have been fulfilled. Some pro-European Blairites have wondered whether his views and concentration on reducing inflation — will make it harder for Britain to prepare for entry in four or five years. So if Mr Powell was being remembered as a voice from England's past and Chancellor Kohl honoured as a prime architect of the European present, Mr George will now have an enormous influence on Britain's future relations with Europe.

PETER RIDDELL

£4.8m for volcano islanders

BY NICHOLAS WATT

BRITAIN is to spend £4.8 million on an extra 100 prefabricated houses for islanders on Montserrat whose homes have been destroyed by volcanic eruptions, the Government announced yesterday.

George Foulkes, the International Development Minister, said that the new housing showed the safety of islanders was "our paramount concern". He told MPs: "I hope that will end once and for ever the notion that has been put around by some that we are trying to depopulate the island. We are committed to the people and the island of Montserrat."

Mr Foulkes's announcement came after Labour MPs joined the Tories in criticising the Government for its response to the eruption that killed 19 people in June last year.

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World Cup fans learn to watch their language

By Damian Whitworth

HOWEVER England fare on the pitch in the World Cup this summer, fans heading for France can now avoid being defeated on their travels by the language. They are being offered crash-courses in football French.

Despite a growing foreign legion from across the Channel performing in the Premiership (and hair commercials), attempts to communicate with them in their native tongue have tended to begin and end with chants of "Ole, ole Cantona/Ginola". But now Wolverhampton Wanderers have teamed up with a local college to provide an intensive course in essential Gallic phrases for supporters hitting the autoroutes.

The course is called "*Le moins fils, sur ma tête*", which translates as "Over here, son, please 'ead". Topics covered range from ordering refreshment — "That'll be ten lagers and a packet of crisps" — to requesting a tattoo, asking directions to the doctor and dealing with basic French paternity law.



The most important lesson will be on football terminology, just in case some of what England fans want to exclaim to a referee is lost in translation. "Useful" phrases about visits to opticians will be included.

Jonathan Owen, head of languages at Bilston Community College, which is providing teachers for the course, said: "They will be learning essential survival skills for their time out there. They will need to express themselves, which may be ordering a beer in a bar to advising the match officials.

"The sort of thing you learn from normal French lessons are good if you are going on holiday or business, but we will be teaching them a few phrases you won't ever need on the beach or in the boardroom." The first lesson in the course is called "Going abroad (Which way to the ground, mate?)" and it will be followed by "Fish, chips and lager (What do you mean, no black pudding?)" and "Now get out of that (Officer, it really was nothing to do with me!)".

Among those paying £50 for the seven 90-minute lessons is Dave Price, 38, a Birmingham City fan who has agreed to venture into Wolves territory to attend classes. He said: "We haven't got tickets, but the idea is to go to France and see the games on French TV in a bar, so at least we will be part of it all.

"But the trouble with that is, the commentary will be in French. I really need to learn the French for things like offside and penalty, but it would be handy to be able to give the ref a little advice.

"The best part will be singing a few songs in French — it wouldn't seem the same in English — so we are learning the French for *Keep Right on till the End of the Road* and even the rugby classic *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*."

ANDRÉ CAMARA



Dominic Clarke, 16, with his £380 poster. He had not budgeted for commission

The day Oasis beat the Beatles

By Helen Rumbelow

OASIS were the big draw yesterday in a double booking with their heroes the Beatles. Bonhams auction house in London found itself packed with teenagers bidding for props from the Oasis album cover *Be Here Now*.

Items on the cover were chosen by the band in tribute to the Beatles. However, when the memorabilia auction moved on to Beatles items, the crowd vanished, leaving grey-haired men bidding for old 45s.

Among the Oasis bidders was Dominic Clarke, 16, from Crewe, who bought a tour poster for £380 out of his savings, although he was a little shocked to find he had to pay £40 over his budget on Bonhams' commission.

A handless station clock alluding to *Hard Day's Night* sold for £5,400. A note from John Lennon to Yoko Ono saying "A woman's place is on the floor" failed to sell.

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Beastly job for a willing worker

By Matthew Barbour

FOR those with a desire to run away and join the circus, the advertisement at Coventry Jobcentre leapt out. They wanted a tiger trainer's assistant.

The successful applicant will earn £150 per week for duties including cleaning cages and feeding the tigers.

The advert, placed by The Circus Harlequin, formerly Gerry Cottle's Circus, was initially withdrawn after the Health and Safety Executive raised queries, but it eventually granted permission after accepting that the job was "suitable for applicants".

In the interim, Martin Lacey, the circus owner, was forced to advertise his rather unusual vacancy in supermarkets in Coventry. "I didn't know where else to look for a trainee tiger trainer," he said.

The Circus Harlequin has been looking for a young person to train since their regular tamer left. The advert runs: "Tiger trainer's assistant required for touring circus. Duties include cleaning cages, feeding and watering tigers, letting tigers into the circus enclosure. Person would progress to presenting tigers in the circus ring. Applicants should have experience with livestock and have a keen interest in animals."

The successful applicant, who will preferably be young and attractive, will eventually be solely responsible for the animals' performance.

And of the risks, Mr Lacey said: "Our trainer will put himself in more danger driving to work every day than he will dealing with the tigers."

Duchess discloses caring character

By Kathryn Knight

THE Duchess of Kent has disclosed that she makes weekly visits to a shelter for the homeless in London.

For the last four years, the duchess has spent two or three hours each week at the Passage Day Centre's night shelter, serving food, washing cups and cleaning the lavatories. She also provides companionship to some of the 50 or so nightly residents who know her only as Katherine.

The Duchess agreed to be filmed at the centre for BBC television's *Make Yourself Useful Week*, daytime programmes designed to encourage people to contribute to the voluntary sector.

During an interview for *The Really Useful Show*, she is filmed cleaning and preparing food at the shelter. She explains the fulfilment she derives from her visits, which started after after an official visit a few years ago.

"Before I started here I was actually feeling quite nervous about how they would find me," she said. "I like to come here once a week. I am lucky, I live in London, I have the time and it's easy for me. I like getting to know the clients."

She ends the film by calling for others to volunteer. "There's a great deal of joy and fun in caring for these people and we all get on so well."

CORRECTION

A leading article yesterday wrongly stated that Helmut Kohl received the freedom of the City on Tuesday.

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Patriot for whom principle was all

Alan Hamilton and **Emma Wilkins** on the funeral of Enoch Powell

ENOCH POWELL was not a man who invited consensus, and it was no surprise that his formal, moving and packed funeral service in St Margaret's, Westminster, yesterday attracted a few unconventional frills around the fringes.

An admirer had placed a small bunch of red, white and blue flowers on the grass by the church door, with a paper Union flag and a postcard map of Britain poking from the blooms. The postcard read: "Enoch Powell, you were right: the country is now going to the dogs. Ninety per cent of the people I know say you should have been PM."

Inside St Margaret's, the obsequies were more conventional. The church was filled beyond its 650 capacity, and many mourners stood at the back as Mr Powell's coffin, draped in a Union flag and surmounted by a wreath of white lilies, was processed from St Faith's chapel in Westminster Abbey, where it had lain at rest overnight. He had earned his night in the Abbey, and his service in the parish church of Parliament, because he had been a regular worshipper at both.

In his address, Lord Biffen, the former Tory MP and once a close political ally of Mr Powell, said: "He did not achieve power, but more important he achieved influence and respect on a scale which perhaps only history will come to recognise." For Mr Powell, principle always seemed to stand in the way of preferment, Lord Biffen said. He became a compelling orator. "Nonetheless, his parliamentary skill did not lead to corresponding political preferment. The snakes matched the ladders. He felt obliged to resign from the Treasury in 1958. Five years later, he declined to serve under Alex Home. As always, it was a point of principle."



Mourners: John Major and Denis Thatcher

After the Tory defeat in 1964, Lord Biffen said, Mr Powell became a much more trenchant advocate of free enterprise and the market economy. He was ten years ahead of Margaret Thatcher. And always, there was the latent British national factor. "Denis Healey has recently described Enoch Powell as 'a nationalist'. That is true, but it was not an emotion of nostalgia or romanticism, and certainly did not bear the stamp of racial superiority or xenophobia," Lord Biffen said.

But Mr Powell would be remembered for a speech on immigration in Birmingham in 1968, in which he alluded to the Tiber foaming with blood. Lord Biffen said: "Powell believed that the prospective size and concentration of New Commonwealth immigration would lead to unacceptable tensions and violence. The speech had a profound national impact and it transformed the public perception of Enoch Powell." Then there was his stance on Europe. Lord Biffen described him as, in a sense, "a British Gaullist favouring a Europe which was a partnership of nation states".

The young Mr Powell had enlisted as a private soldier in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment in 1939 and had risen quickly to the rank of brigadier. Lord Biffen recalled that Mr Powell was told to calculate the likely speed of Montgomery's advance towards El Alamein. For once, he underestimated, eliciting a message from Monty to headquarters: "Tell that young man that I am doing better than he thought I would."

Mourners sang the rousing hymns of an Anglican funeral, heard his daughter Susan Day read from Ecclesiastes and his archivist Richard Ritchie read from his beloved A.E. Housman, at whose feet he had studied at Cambridge.

His widow, children and four grandchildren led a congregation that was filled with at least two Tory generations, from John Major, Michael Portillo, Michael Howard and Jonathan Aitken to such figures of the Thatcher era as Lords Parkinson, Deedes and Molyneaux, the latter representing Mr Powell's second career as an Ulster Unionist, along with the UUP's leader, David Trimble. The Queen was represented by Lord Charteris of Amisfield, one of her past private secretaries.

CHRIS HARRIS



Enoch Powell's coffin being carried from St Mary's yesterday. He was buried at Warwick Cemetery

The Government was to have been represented by Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, but she was too busy and sent her junior minister, Tony Worthington. Otherwise, Labour representation was exceedingly thin, except for that other old and unconventional parliamentary warhorse, Tony Benn. And, as expected, Mr Powell's adversary, Sir Edward Heath, was absent.

At the end of the 50-minute service, Mr Powell's coffin was taken to a hearse and, followed by two coachloads of mourners, set off on for a second funeral service in Warwick. There, more than 600 people gathered in the Collegiate Church of St Mary, which was chosen by Mr Powell's family because it houses the chapel of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Under the garter banner of Montgomery, who was also a member of the regiment, Mr Powell's coffin was borne along the nave by six soldiers. After a reading from Jennifer Lavin, Mr Powell's daughter, the address was given by Sir Patrick Cormack, MP.

He paid tribute to the devotion shown by Mr Powell's widow, Pam, as her husband fought against Parkinson's disease, and to his two daughters. The burial took place privately at Warwick Cemetery, where many members of the regiment are buried.

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How desert trek led to a passion for hunting

By Magnus Linklater

ONE of the most intriguing stories about Enoch Powell's past has emerged from a collection of military anecdotes in which he had previously been unnamed.

During the Second World War desert campaign, Powell, a 31-year-old lieutenant colonel on the General Staff, needed to get from Algiers to headquarters in Cairo. The only transport he could find was a 30cwt truck. His companion for the journey was a 24-year-old Scots major, Michael Strachan.

They faced a 3,000-mile journey taking at least two weeks and Powell, despite having a licence, had never learnt to drive. Strachan later wrote an account of the journey in *Blackwood's Magazine*. He christened Powell "The Professor" and, until now, had never revealed publicly who the character was.

Powell had difficulty mastering the controls of the truck, which they nicknamed *Pinafore*. Strachan wrote: "Instead of slowing down, he suddenly accelerated, at the same time swaying about in his seat as though wrestling for possession of the wheel."

It took three accidents, including a collision with an army lorry, for Powell to get the hang of Pinafore's controls. After that the two men shared the driving.

Since they faced long days and nights together, Strachan proposed that The Professor should teach him something about the Classics. He agreed, providing Strachan shared his knowledge about something of which Powell was ignorant. "The discovery that The Professor had never ridden horseback resulted in agreement to my talking discursively on horses and hunting," Strachan wrote.

Powell was fascinated by Strachan's knowledge of the novels of R.S. Surtees and his hunting hero, Jorrocks, who defined the sport as "the image of war without its guilt and only five-and-twenty per cent of its danger". Powell announced: "I've made up my mind. I shall hunt."

They did not meet again until many years later, Strachan, who became chairman of the Ben Line Steamer Company and the National Library of Scotland, spotted Powell on a London-bound train one December evening.

"He was wearing a bowler hat with a mud-smeared dent in it, a black cutaway coat with a muddied shoulder and mud-spattered breeches and boots."

Strachan, now 79 and living near Peebles, learnt that Powell had taken four falls in the course of a day's hunting but was undaunted. "I'm inclined to think that 25 per cent of the danger is an underestimate," he said, "but my luck holds."

Sands of time halt Dunkirk veterans

By A Correspondent

DUNKIRK veterans are surrendering to the advance of years. Their association is to be wound up in 2000 after a last visit to the scene of their wartime ordeal.

Jim Horton, general secretary of the 1940 Dunkirk Veterans' Association, said: "It was an overwhelming vote in favour. We don't just want to fade away. We want to go out with dignity."

The association once had more than 100,000 members. Now there are 7,000, of whom the youngest is 78. Those with strength to travel will make the annual pilgrimage to Dunkirk in 2000 and then decide on a fitting ceremony formally to end their association.

Mr Horton, 78, who was a medic with the 5th British Infantry Division, said: "The camaraderie will last for as long as we are alive, but many of our members cannot get to meetings any more. We cannot go on for ever. Closure is inevitable."

The result disappointed some veterans. Joe Iann, 79, chairman and founder of the branch in Salisbury, said: "I don't think we should give up. There are enough of us. The comradeship is important the older you get. If we had not got off the beaches, Britain would have lost the war."

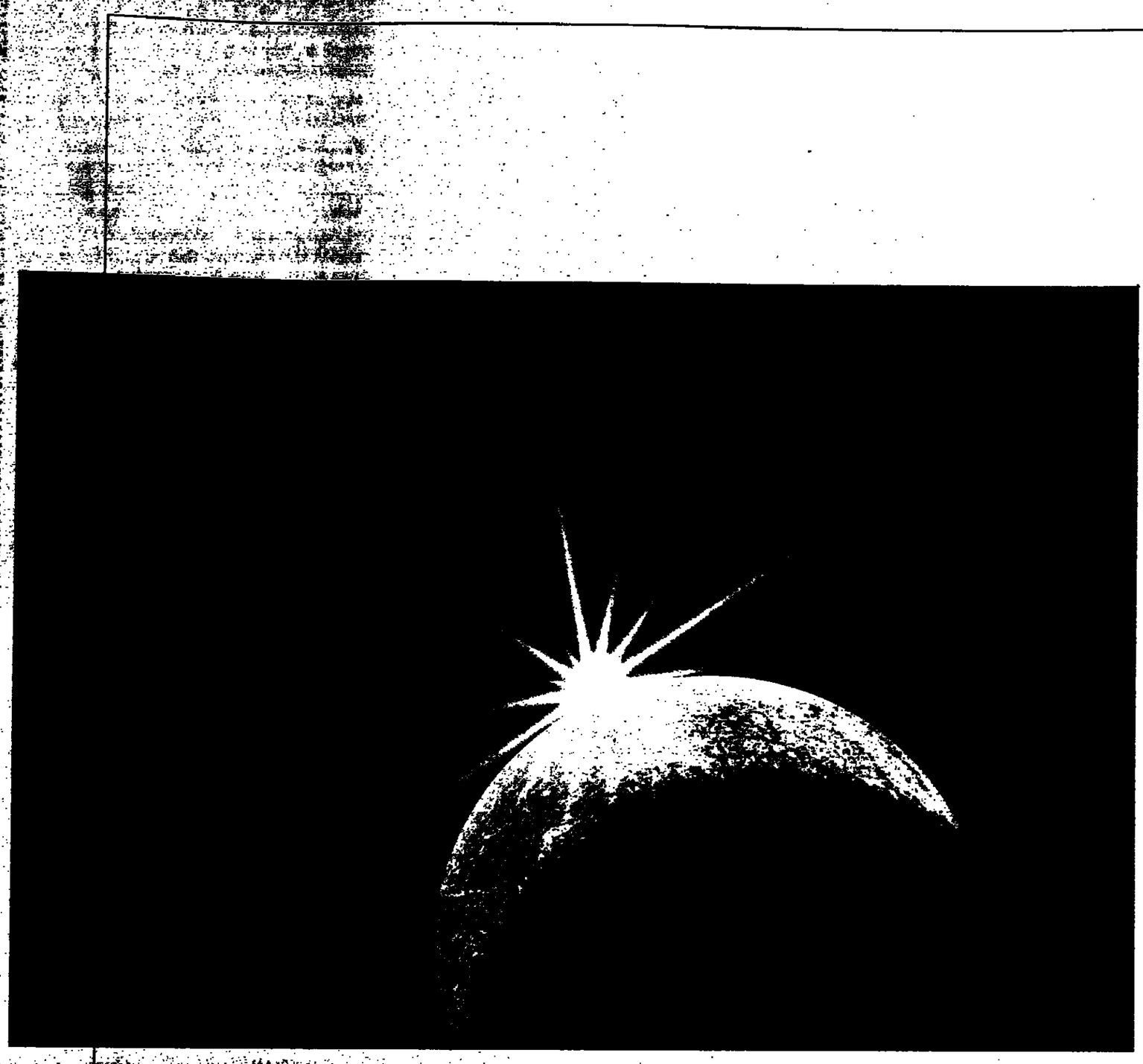
Captain Francis Hebbert, 82, a Royal Artillery medical officer who treated many soldiers at a first-aid post on the beaches, said: "I am very disappointed, but I am not surprised. We are a declining band. We all getting older."

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Spring babies more likely to hit the heights

A study shows babies are bigger if they get more sunlight. **Nick Nuttall** sizes up the arguments

COUPLES wanting a tall son or daughter should plan their baby for the spring rather than the autumn. Scientists have found that children born in April end up being taller than those born in October.

Researchers have linked the extraordinary finding with the increasing changes in the intensity of sunlight to which the mother and newborn are exposed. They believe that babies born in springtime may be getting extra doses of growth hormone during key periods, when compared with their autumnal peers.

The findings, published in *Nature*, are based on 507,125 men aged 18 called up by the Austrian Army. Hermann Prossinger, a member of the team from the Institute of Human Biology at the University of Vienna, said the beauty of the research was the numbers involved.

"In Austria all youths of the age of 18 must register with the Army where they undergo a medical. With the exception of a few evaders, everyone is recorded. If our result was based on just one year then there might be questions but it is over ten years," he said.

This also means that the study balances out the effects of altitude, cloudy versus sunny years, social and economic backgrounds and potential differences due to urban and rural living.

The study found that, on average, babies born at the beginning of April are 0.6 centimetres taller at the age of 18 than those born at the beginning of October. Overall, children born between January and July are taller than those born between July and December by about 0.3 centimetres.

The scientists have two theories to explain the phenomenon. One is linked with the way changing light levels affect production of a hormone called melatonin at key growth moments in the foetus and new-born. "Human growth goes in spurts. These spurts are greatest three months before and three months after birth," Dr Prossinger said.

In northern Europe, including Austria and Britain, sunlight levels and length of the day increase sharply from around the beginning of February. This coincides with the growth spurt in the womb for the babies born in April. They also benefit from increasing sunlight during their next growth spurt.

Research, including some published in *Science* in January, has shown that levels of melatonin in the body are influenced by changes in light exposure. The body senses light through the eyes but also through the skin, including areas at the back of the knee.

Another member of the team, Gerhard Weber, has carried out research suggesting that the melatonin triggers extra production of human growth hormone.

Dr Prossinger said the other theory was more speculative. An April-born baby would have been conceived in July, which coincides with the maximum levels of solar radiation. "So the difference in heights may have to do with the quality of the egg at ovulation and conception," he said.

Mike Clark of the National Radiological Protection Board in Didcot, Oxfordshire, said yesterday that another way of confirming the effect might be to look at people living in tropics, where fluctuations in sunlight levels are negligible.



Little and large: Lord Hurd and Ronnie Corbett

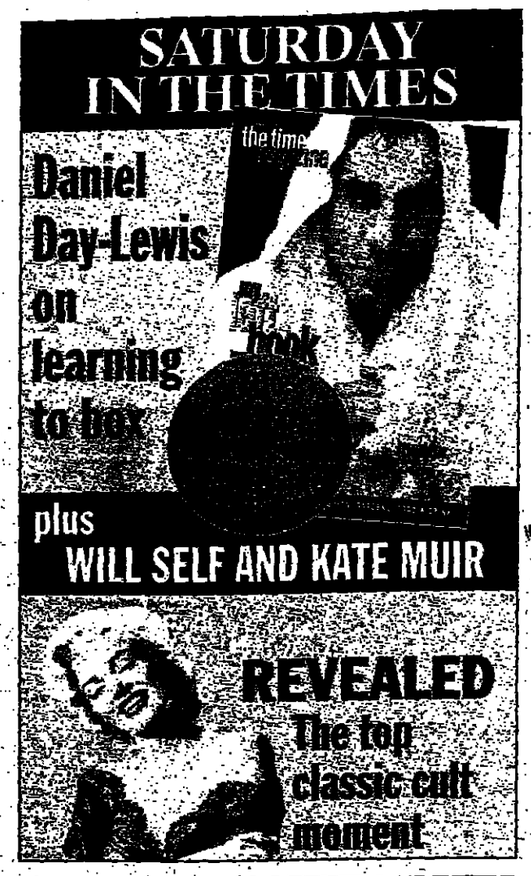
Measuring the long and the short of it

THE heightened effects of a spring versus an autumn or winter birth might be seen in the relative statures of Lord Hurd of Westwell, the former Foreign Secretary, and Ronnie Corbett, the comedian (Nick Nuttall writes).

Lord Hurd was born in March 1930, close to the peak month for light, boosting height. He is, according to his office, "about 6ft 2in". Mr Corbett, born in December 1930, is "5ft, give or take a few inches", according to his agents.

However, the comedian John Cleese illustrates how genes rather than birth month also play a crucial role. Born in October 1939, he is 6ft 4½in. Helena Bonham Carter, the actress, also appears to buck the trend shown by the Austrian research. Born in May 1966, she is 5ft 3½in.

At least one famous Austrian and former army officer also disproves the theory. Born in April 1889, Adolf Hitler was only 5ft 6in, according to those who met him.



Criminal tendency is all in the jeans

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

WELL-WORN jeans may be about to go out of fashion among the criminal fraternity, after the discovery that each pair has a unique pattern of wear that may be almost valuable as fingerprints.

The breakthrough was used by the FBI after a series of bank robberies in Spokane, Washington. Richard Vorder Bruegge, an FBI forensic scientist, enlarged a security picture of a masked member of the gang and noticed lines running across the seam of his jeans.

The pattern had been formed by slight imperfections when the jeans were made. Workers sew seams on trousers by pushing fabric through a machine which stretches and bunches the material. The dyed layer of cotton in the raised areas wears away faster, leaving unique white bands or patterns along the seam. The patches are more striking on jeans because they often become extremely worn. "People just keep wearing them," Dr Vorder Bruegge says in *New Scientist* magazine.

The jeans of all suspects were studied, and one pair had a pattern with more than 24 features that matched the jeans worn at the robbery. The FBI proved in court that it could distinguish one pair out of 34 samples, and the man was convicted.

Why grass is greener on the other side

By Our Technology Correspondent

A SMALL patch of Wimbledon's Centre Court is being bathed in artificial sunlight in an experiment that could have important implications for other large stadiums.

Groundsmen are keen to see if the lamps, designed to stimulate photosynthesis, can promote healthy grass growth even in shady spots. Problems have arisen in recent years as bigger stadiums have created larger areas of shade. Grass starved of light grows taller and more straggly, weakening roots and making it less durable, *New Scientist* magazine reports.

Andy Newell, of the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, Yorkshire, said: "Spectators expect to be cosseted. They want to be warm and dry under a roof and close to the pitch. But designers forget the simple biological principle that grass does not grow in the dark. Ninety-nine per cent of new grounds have shade problems."

The lamps at the All England Lawn Tennis Club produce extra amounts of yellow and blue light. Eddie Seaward, Wimbledon's head groundsman, said that early findings were promising.

If the experiment is successful, the club is considering placing lamps around the courts, linked to light sensors and a computer, to ensure that all areas of the turf get the same level of "sunlight".

£50,000 sunk into soft investigation

By Paul Wilkinson

SCIENTISTS have been given £50,000 to investigate a series of apparently simple but actually baffling problems, such as why does margarine spead more easily than butter.

The researchers also want to discover why shaving foam loses its shape when squirted from its can, why skin cream stiffens when exposed to air and why bread dough sinks. They hope that their study of "soft matter" will help to improve products from food to engine oil.

Scientists from universities around the country and companies such as ICI and Unilever will work on the project, which is funded by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.

The team leader, Peter Olmsted of Leeds University's physics and astronomy department, said: "These may seem like simple problems but they are not easy to solve. Shaving foam consists of, among other things, water and soap and when it comes out of the can it looks fine, but after a while it just sinks and loses its mass. We will be trying to discover just why it does that in the hope that one day it will lead to a longer-lasting product. This research has wide-ranging applications for a lot of major companies."

He said that companies often spent years trying to perfect their products, succeeding only through trial and error. "We know that a lot of these things happen but we don't know exactly why."

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Lighthouse is pulled back from the brink

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

THE future of an historic lighthouse left teetering on the edge of Beachy Head has been secured after the local authority backed a scheme to move it out of danger.

The Belle Tout, which was built 167 years ago, is the only residential lighthouse in the country. It was once used to entertain George V but is now on the verge of collapsing into the sea because of coastal erosion.

Mark and Louise Roberts, the owners, are now hoping to secure a lottery grant to help to pay part of the £250,000 needed to lift the building with hydraulic jacks and push it back 50ft on rails.

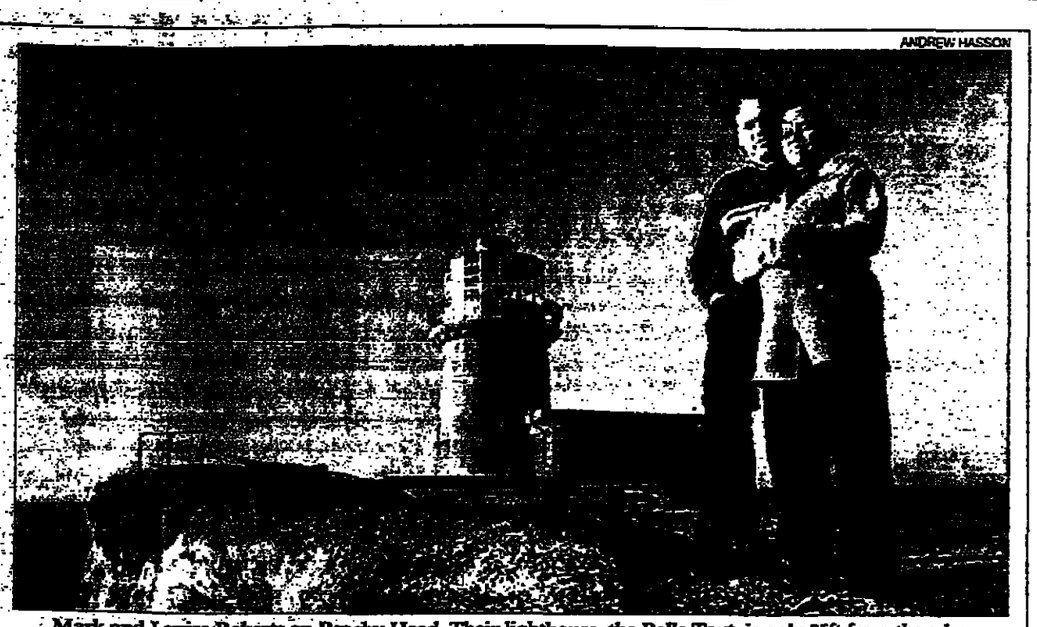
Mr Roberts, 32, said work would start in September and should take six days. The lighthouse, a six-bedroom Grade II listed building, was used as the setting for the BBC's 1980 dramatisation of Fay Weldon's *The Life and Loves of a She-Devil*. It has a dramatic view of the Channel from the clifftop near Eastbourne, but is now only 25ft from the edge.

Maurice Skilton, of Eastbourne council's planning committee, said: "This operation will safeguard the lighthouse. This is a significant building and we must save it for future generations."

The Belle Tout was closed as a lighthouse nearly 100 years ago because mist often obscured its lantern. After construction of the current Beachy Head lighthouse at the foot of the 500ft chalk cliffs, it was sold to Sir James Purves-Stewart, who entertained the King there. The building, which was almost destroyed during the Second World War when it was used for target practice, was restored in 1955.

It will be moved by the Watford-based construction company Pynford, which will dig underneath and construct a layer of reinforced concrete. The structure will then be raised by 2ft and lowered on to rails, which will carry it 50ft inland. Mr Roberts, a hotelier and restaurateur, then plans to open it to the public.

ANDREW HASSON



Mark and Louise Roberts on Beachy Head. Their lighthouse, the Belle Tout, is only 25ft from the edge

Shop staff suffer as robbers seek easier targets

SHOP staff are suffering a wave of robberies and attacks as criminals regard them as easy targets, a study showed yesterday. Violence rose by 44 per cent last year and robberies by 42 per cent.

Robbers have been switching away from banks and building societies which have improved their security, and increasingly target petrol stations, off-licences, jewellers and stores that offer financial services, according to a survey by British Retail Consortium.

Staff in chemists' shops were the most likely to be assaulted, with 34 attacks per 1,000 staff last year. Bill Connor, general secretary of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, called for more surveillance equipment to protect staff, and said that longer hours were partly to blame: "Extended opening hours have undoubtedly contributed to the number of violent incidents, particularly drug and alcohol-related crimes."

Long hours and poor surveillance are blamed for robberies and attacks, reports **Stewart Tendler**

The figures released yesterday are the fifth crime survey by the consortium, which covers 90 per cent of the nation's shops and retail groups. The number of robberies totalled 17,000 at a total cost of £46 million.

There were 13,000 cases of violence. The number of threats rose by 13 per cent to 53,000, and verbal abuse rose by 3 per cent to 124,000 cases.

At the same time, thefts by shoplifters and staff both fell, although such crime in Britain's shops is still estimated to be costing every household in the country £85 a year.

Shoplifting fell by 14 per cent to 4.28 million cases, and the value of the goods taken fell by 7 per cent to £608 million. The consortium's study found that shops were getting tougher with thieves; a record 70 per cent of the 1.2 million offenders caught by staff were handed over to the police. Despite the drop, the report showed that there was an incident of shoplifting every three seconds.

The report expressed concern about the large numbers of young people involved in crime. Juvenile thieves make up nearly a quarter of all offenders in supermarkets, 38 per cent of thieves in chemists' and beauty shops, and 48 per cent of the thieves in music retailers.

Thefts by staff fell by 16 per cent to 26,000 cases, but still cost retailers £374 million.

Burglaries, including breakins and ramraids, have halved in the past five years to 87,000 incidents, costing shops £155 million. The consortium said that small shops outside inner cities and town centres were particularly vulnerable. Independent shops were twice as likely to be burgled as the chain stores. They were less likely to have surveillance cameras.

Overall, there was an attack or threat of an attack every minute of the working day. Ann Robinson, director general of the consortium, said that the rise in violence against staff was horrific and reflected a general trend towards a more violent society.

The worst effects were suffered by the small shopowners, who worked long hours and lived above the premises with their families, she said. The whole family could be traumatised by crime.

Manager held hostage in home

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A GANG who attacked a young woman store manager in her home, beat her to get information and then burgled the store were condemned as "vicious animals" yesterday by Michael O'Brien, a Home Office minister.

He was speaking at a press conference on retail crime as Scotland Yard's Flying Squad hunted the burglars. The gang stole more than £10,000 from a branch of Argos in Wembley, North London, after extracting security information from the manageress.

The woman, in her 20s, was attacked when she arrived home in Harrow, North London, at 9pm last Saturday with her mother. The gang, wearing balaclavas, had broken in and were waiting for her.

The manageress was handcuffed and hit on the head to force her to give the gang security information. Her mother was also beaten. The two women were held overnight while two of the gang went to the store early on Sunday morning.



O'Brien: said the gang had acted like animals

Using the woman's keys, the burglars struck before staff arrived, emptying the safe of Saturday trading cash. The third man stayed with the two women and then fled just after 8.30am.

Scotland Yard said the two women were not seriously hurt. An Argos spokeswoman, who would not name the woman or go into any details about the theft, said the incident had been distressing.

Judge calls for acquittal in rhino horn case

BY ADAM FRESCO

THE case against a legal executive accused of conspiring to sell rhino horns worth almost £3 million on the black market collapsed yesterday.

Judge Peter Langan, QC, said there was no evidence against Paul Rexstrew to suggest that he had known he was helping in the sale of rhino horns, which are a restricted species. He ordered the jury at King's Lynn Crown Court to return a not guilty verdict against Mr Rexstrew, 45, from Wimbledon.

Four others have already admitted the offence and will be sentenced next month. They are Carol Scotchford-Hughes, 50, from Willingham, Cambridgeshire; David Eley, 54, and Elaine Arscott, 40, from Great Shelford, Cambridgeshire; and Wilfred Bull, 62, who is serving life for murder and was said to be the mastermind behind the plan.

It was alleged that Mr Rexstrew had agreed to launder some of the £2.8 million from the horns through his London firm of solicitors. The jury was told that Bull wrote letters instructing his co-conspirators on how to handle the sale. Judge Langan said: "There is nothing to prove that the defendant knew the subject matter of the deal was rhino horn."

Big rise in detection of jail drug smuggling

BY RICHARD FORD

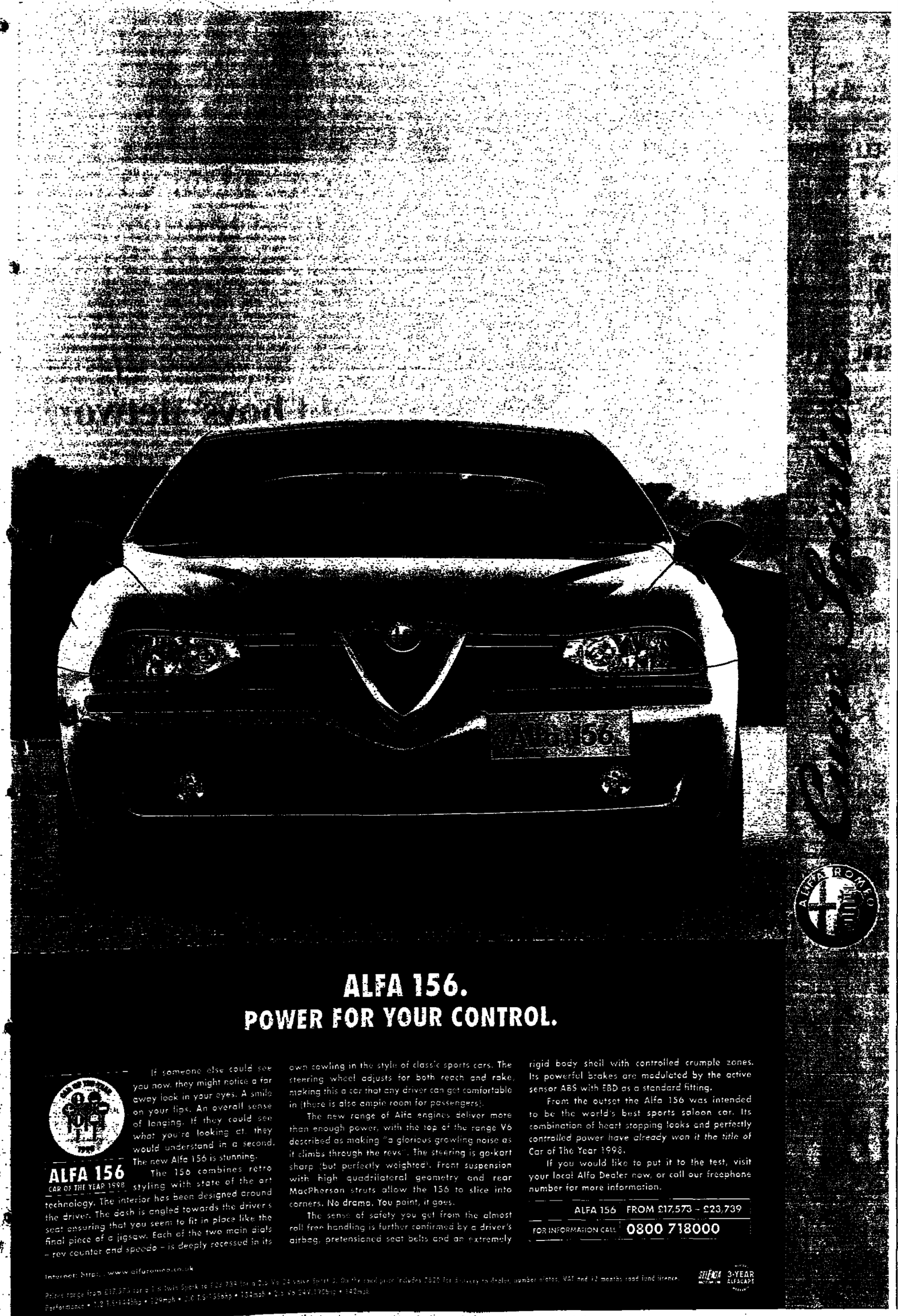
THE number of people caught attempting to smuggle illegal drugs into jails in England and Wales has risen fivefold during the past five years, according to Prison Service figures. More than 1,100 men and women were caught trying to take drugs into the 135 jails last year, compared with 229 in 1991-92.

The rise coincides with the Prison Service introducing tougher searching procedures after the breakouts from Whitemoor and Parkhurst top-security jails.

The prison with the biggest number of people arrested was Feltham Young Offender Institution in West London, where 130 people were detained.

George Howarth, the minister with responsibility for drugs, said the Prison Service did not record what action had been taken against those caught, or how many of those detained were professional visitors rather than relatives or friends.

Mr Howarth also disclosed that more than 22,300 known drug addicts entered prisons in England and Wales in the twelve months to March 31, 1997. The figure is likely to be a huge underestimate as it does not include those who have not registered.



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Prince's spin-doctor battled for Brittan

New recruit to the Palace learnt her craft during the Westland affair, reports **Valerie Elliott**

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Colleen Harris, 42, appointed deputy press secretary to the Prince of Wales

THE first black recruit to the senior ranks of the Prince of Wales's staff learnt her spin-doctoring skills during the Westland crisis that nearly brought down Margaret Thatcher's premiership.

Colleen Harris, 42, was named yesterday as deputy press secretary to the Prince after being poached from the office of John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, where she is head of media planning and co-ordination.

Last night she went out for a celebration meal with her husband, Wayne, who runs his own electronic business in South London.

Mrs Harris was the first black press officer to work at Downing Street when she was recruited by Sir Bernard Ingham to work for Mrs Thatcher, and is resigned to the focus on her colour.

"I accept that it's news to have a black member of the Prince of Wales's Household. But I think that's where the news starts and where it ends," she said. "I am used to it, but I think it's rather sad."

Before working at No 10, she landed a post at the Department of Trade and Industry press office and was able to watch her boss, Colette Bowe, deal with the intricacies of the Westland affair on behalf of Sir Leon Brittan, their Cabinet minister.

She has told friends that she is particularly concerned that the spotlight on her colour might affect her two sons, aged nine and seven, and her parents, who originally came from Guyana and are now retired. She will probably start her new job after Easter.

The Prince's office yesterday said Mrs Harris was the best person for the job. "His Royal Highness is, of course, delighted that he has been able to recruit someone from the ethnic community, but Colleen has been recruited for her experience, skills and her personality, and not her ethnicity."

The Prince already employs a secretary and an orderly who come from ethnic-minority backgrounds. The Queen last summer recruited a young Asian woman with experience in finance and management to work in the co-ordination and research unit of the Queen's private office. Buckingham Palace recruits about 5 per cent of ethnic-minority staff in more junior administrative or domestic jobs.

Mrs Harris said: "I was interviewed by the Prince and he was very considerate. He's obviously used to meeting nervous people. But he was concerned about my family and the effect the appointment and publicity might have on them." The Prince readily agreed that she should arrange her work to accommodate family commitments.

Mrs Harris, who is to earn about £35,000 a year, is the daughter of a pharmacist. She attended a grammar school in Battersea, South London, and qualified as a primary school teacher. She met her husband during a summer holiday job at a bingo hall when she was 20.

A spell as a clerk in the British Museum press office led to her first press office role at the Natural History Museum. But a secondment to the Home Office press office, one of the busiest in Government, whetted her appetite for the political hurly-burly.

"It was an eye-opener. I was hooked on the buzz and determined to get into it," she said.

MPs attack old boys' network

By Valerie Elliott

MPs were deeply critical yesterday of the Public Appointments Commissioner's apparent lack of urgency in breaking the grip of white, middle-aged, middle-class men on quangos.

They demanded an overhaul of the appointments system and attacked Sir Len Peach's lack of enthusiasm to move away from "the club" of men who were chosen to sit on public bodies, tribunals and NHS trusts. The MPs said ministers should give up their power of patronage and advertise not just salaried posts, but those with prestige and influence, such as the Royal Fine Arts Commission or the Arts Council. Appointments to government taskforces — there have been 22 set up since Labour came to power — should be opened up.

The committee at Westminster also suggested that they might study appointments to public corporations such as the BBC Board of Governors and the role of the Prime Minister's appointments secretary.

Peter Bradley, Labour MP for The Wrekin, accused the Government of "staffing quangos from the 19th hole" and Rhodri Morgan, chairman of the Commons public administration committee, which last night criticised 65-year-old Sir Len — a regular on government committees — called for a new breed of quango appointees. He said it was time to end the system of selecting people for their political loyalties or because they were among "the great and good".

The committee also called on Sir Len to step up efforts to find younger people, both men and women, and people from the ethnic minorities.

Last night Sir Len said: "I am not pleased by the personal comments and I feel they are undeserved. I was surprised by the charge in the report that I was unambitious and complacent."

Sex scandal minister to become missionary

By Gillian Harris
Scotland Correspondent

A WOMAN minister who resigned after admitting a sexual relationship with a married church elder is to become a Quaker missionary in South Africa.

Helen Percy, 52, resigned as assistant minister to six rural parishes in Perthshire at the end of last year to avoid having to defend herself at a Church of Scotland trial.

Miss Percy, who lives in Kilry, Perthshire, was suspended last summer when it was revealed that she had a sexual relationship with Sandy Nicholl, 52.

Mr Nicholl admitted that he had had sex with Miss Percy on one occasion. Miss Percy later discovered she was pregnant and had an abortion. She claimed Mr Nicholl had raped her, although she did not press charges. When he confirmed that she had not consented, he was accused of covering for her. He and his wife, Moyra, separated soon after the claims were made public.

Miss Percy, a popular if unconventional preacher who once conducted a sermon wearing a Snoopy nightdress, held an "excommunication party" in Kilry village hall two weeks ago for 100 friends and supporters.

On her decision to go to Cape Town, she said: "A friend who works in South Africa suggested it would be a great opportunity for me. It has been a difficult and stressful few months and I want to put all of that behind me."

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Parents want inquiry over surgery deaths

Critics say a GMC hearing into alleged misconduct does not go far enough, reports Ian Murray

THE parents of dozens of children who died or suffered brain damage after heart operations yesterday picketed the disciplinary hearing at which the surgeons involved are accused of professional misconduct.

Carrying lighted candles and white carnations, the parents stood outside the General Medical Council offices in London behind 50 tiny black coffins and beneath a banner saying: "GMC: Great Massacre Cover-up". They want a public inquiry to look into what they claim is a far greater number of deaths and mistakes than the GMC is investigating.

The parents then went on to Downing Street to hand in a petition calling for an inquiry into what went on at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, where their children were treated.

They staged their picket as the disciplinary committee of the GMC began hearing the defence case of James Wisheart, the consultant surgeon in charge of the operations. Mr Wisheart and Janardan Dhasmana, another consultant surgeon, and John Roylance, former chief executive of the United Bristol Healthcare NHS Trust, have denied charges of serious professional misconduct.

The charges concern two types of open-heart surgery carried out on 55 children at the hospital. Twenty-nine of them died and one child brain damage.

The parents claim that at least 55 other children died and 13 suffered serious brain damage after different heart operations at the hospital. The GMC, after an internal inquiry into the background, has decided to carry out its disciplinary inquiry into only the two types of operation.

"This is a complete cover-up and the medical profession is closing ranks to hide the truth," claimed Jim Stewart, whose four-year-old son, Ian, has serious brain damage after an operation at the hospital in 1993.



James Wisheart arriving at the GMC yesterday

Malcolm Curnow, a Devon policeman whose daughter died in 1990 after heart surgery at the hospital, said: "Up to 1,000 children have been exposed to unnecessary risk during the period under investigation by the GMC. We have had enough of secrecy. We want an independent public inquiry to ask how many children died or were brain damaged between 1983 and 1995. We don't know the scale of this tragedy."

Mr Wisheart told the GMC's disciplinary committee yesterday that more and more operations were carried out on children under a year old because new techniques made this possible.

Because there were so few open-heart operations requiring a switch of the main arteries — one of the procedures being investigated — he had decided that all of them should be done by Dr Dhasmana so that he could build up experience.

Dr Wisheart said he held regular meetings to discuss the hospital's performance and cases where patients had died. For one difficult operation the Bristol figures were in line with the national averages for 1985-89 and 1992-95. In 1990 and 1991, there was a "small number of excess deaths", he admitted, but said new procedures had put that right.

He told the committee he could not remember being told about a letter from Stephen Bolsin, an anaesthetist, drawing attention to the number of deaths from heart operations on young children.

Mr Wisheart said he was unaware that Dr Bolsin was carrying out a medical audit of heart operations. When he eventually saw the audit, he said he found "one glaring error" of 500 per cent in one set of the figures.

Mr Wisheart is charged with carrying out 15 hole-in-the-heart operations when he was not clinically competent to do so. Nine of the babies died. Mr Wisheart is also accused of misinforming parents about the risks involved.

Mr Dhasmana is charged with lacking the competence to carry out 38 arterial switch operations, following which 20 of the children died and one became brain damaged.

Mr Roylance is accused of ignoring warnings that the surgeons' work was below standard and of not using his authority to prevent them operating.

The hearing continues.

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Teresa Sycamore, whose son, Ross Anderson, died at the age of five months

Doctor who lied about his qualifications is struck off

BY JOANNA BALE

A DOCTOR who twice lied about his qualifications to secure senior academic positions at Bristol University was struck off by the General Medical Council yesterday.

Mark Williams also provided bogus research figures, falsely claimed to have had articles published and forged letters to secure grants for research projects.

He was found out when suspicious colleagues challenged him. Dr Williams, 43, from Taunton, admitted nine allegations of misconduct.

Heather Norton, for the GMC, said that a curriculum vitae which resulted in his appointment as lecturer in public health medicines in 1991 falsely claimed that he had a Primary Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons from 1982. Two years later, he submitted a further CV for the post as senior lecturer, falsely claiming to hold a geriatric medicine qualification from 1986, an examination he did not pass until 1988. The same CV contained a list of ten articles he claimed had been published. Only one was printed, some time after the CV was submitted.

A junior colleague became concerned because she believed the statistics quoted in Dr Williams's papers were misleading. Dr Williams said the papers had been dictated in a rush and the falsehoods were down to geniune error.

In September 1995, Dr Williams was again challenged by colleagues. He resigned in February 1996.

New opera threat by Kaufman

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Royal Opera House was told yesterday that it could face a second inquiry by a House of Commons select committee unless it takes up recommendations in the scathing report published last year.

Gerald Kaufman, chairman of the Culture Select Committee, said that, unless swift action were taken, "we could come back and have another inquiry. We are utterly free agents."

The Government and the Arts Council pubished responses yesterday to the report, largely reiterating their evidence to the select committee. Mr Kaufman said afterwards: "We reaffirm all our recommendations. We made recommendations about Mary Allen, the chief executive, and we still stand by those recommendations." They included a call for Ms Allen to stand down. She, Lord Chadlington, who was then chairman, and the opera house board were picked out for particular criticism.

The report expressed disbelief that an institution handling £98 million over the past five years could not produce a monthly balance sheet and attacked management incompetence in finding temporary theatres during the 2½-year closure.

Mr Kaufman said that Covent Garden appeared to have made little progress since the report was published. He asked: "What are they doing about the deficit? It's absolutely essential we are told, as a lot of public money is involved. What are they doing about the closure? I've had letters of complaint the whole time from people who've attended events."

He expressed surprise at the delay in appointing a new board of ten members. Three have been announced so far, two of which were reappointed from the original board.

Welcoming the appointment of Sir Colin Southgate as chairman, Mr Kaufman said: "I'm looking to him to move things swiftly. It can't go on like this. Taxpayers have no sympathy: £15 million of your money, my money and my constituents' money is involved. Why should they pay money for that? The situation is simply not acceptable. I've got to account to my constituents."

The Royal Opera House declined to comment.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Channel 'booze cruiser' jailed

A petrol station owner who persistently crossed the Channel buying drink and tobacco for friends and family was jailed for ten weeks yesterday. Patrick Delaney, 56, of Forest Hill, Oxford, had admitted evading duty of £4,400.

Maidstone Crown Court was told that, in August 1996, Delaney had ignored customs at Dover and driven off. Police later stopped him and found 37.5 kilograms of rolling tobacco for which he had paid £1,400 in Belgium. It was his tenth cross-Channel trip.

Siege explosion

A police inspector was seriously burnt when a man who had barricaded himself and three children into his house in Flint, North Wales, set off a gas explosion. The householder, another police officer and a gas worker were also injured.

Clockwork torch

A clockwork torch devised by Trevor Baylis, pioneer of the wind-up radio, will go on sale next month. The torch, weighing 4½lb, has an inbuilt generator like the one used for the radio. It runs for an hour after a 20-second crank of a handle.

Train fire

Almost 1,000 commuters had to abandon a Gravesend-Charing Cross train when electrical equipment caught fire near St John's station in southeast London. They were delayed by 90 minutes but no one was hurt.

Video facts

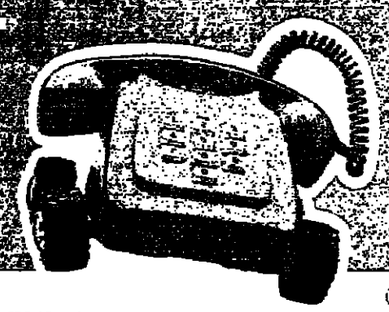
A total of £1.3 billion was spent last year renting or buying videos, a 3 per cent rise on 1996. The British Video Association said 162 million videos were rented. *Independence Day*, with 1.7 million sales, was the top seller.

Wallaby killed

A wallaby that escaped from a circus and spent three months roaming around Over Wallop, Hampshire, was killed when it leapt over a hedge and into the path of a car. Villagers had tried in vain to catch the animal.

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Gulf War leaders urge caution over attacks

Saddam could emerge as overall victor, say veterans

By James Landale, Andrew Pierce and Daniel McGrory

MILITARY commanders from the Desert Storm conflict and leading politicians are openly voicing their doubts about what another air strike in Iraq will achieve.

Several military figures, including General Norman Schwarzkopf, who led the Allied forces in 1991, fear that it will not affect Saddam Hussein's capability to produce chemical and biological weapons, and may split the international coalition.

Commander Merrill McPeak, who commanded the air forces during Operation Desert Storm, said he doubted whether the military's latest and most accurate equipment could destroy Saddam's capacity to produce chemical and biological weapons. "I think there will be civilian casualties and that is a very unfortunate prospect," he said. "We have discriminating military instruments at hand, but there will be some unsought collateral damage. That's part of the action.

"We will probably lose some American pilots. And there is a risk of us not achieving 100 per cent destruction of the programmes he has in place. We may get 50 per cent, or 30 per cent, maybe 20 per cent. It is hard to say."

Admiral Sir James Eberle, former Nato Commander-in-Chief Channel 1979-81 and former Director of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, said: "We have got ourselves into a mess. The risk of not achieving what I understand to be the purpose is considerable and the cost of failure will be very high indeed. This is a very risky venture.

"I have worries about the legitimacy in international law. The Americans seem to be saying that even if the United Nations Secretary General is satisfied with a deal from Baghdad the US might still bomb him. The Americans are running a demonic policy.

"It is highly doubtful we can eradicate all that Saddam has, and what is to stop him from building up such stocks again after this action is over? The military and the politicians say they cannot remove him so surely it is his mind that needs changing and we should negotiate, not threaten."

General Sir Peter de la Billière, who commanded the British forces in the Gulf War, said: "There are few, if any, examples of air power alone succeeding in defeating and bringing to heel such a determined and resolute enemy as Saddam."

He also said that anything short of a full-scale invasion with ground forces could enhance Saddam's prestige among his Arab neighbours at the expense of the UN and the British and American forces.

General Schwarzkopf said the United States risked getting dragged into a protracted conflict like Vietnam. He said in that campaign the bombing campaign was escalated without achieving military or political goals.

He also predicted that a sustained bombing campaign would not force Saddam to comply with the United Nations' weapons inspections teams, and could jeopardise the fragile international coalition against the Iraqi leader. "He wants the sanctions lifted and if the coalition fractures he has a good chance of having the sanctions lifted. So he might not mind a big strike."

Flight Lieutenant John Nichol, whose Tornado was shot down on the first day of the Gulf War and who was tortured during the 42 days he spent in captivity, has reservations about what another bombing mission against Iraq might achieve. "Shall we bomb the mosques and palaces in civilian areas, which is almost certainly where Saddam will have hidden his store of chemical weapons?" he asked. "It is going to work against us.'

Alan Clark, the former Tory Defence Minister, said: "The scene has much of the appearance of an impending retributive military action whose consequences have not been fully thought through. History shows that such actions can be the precursors of very long wars indeed."

Lord Gilmour of Craigmillar, a former Tory Defence Minister, told the Lords on Tuesday: "There is little doubt that air strikes will lead to a considerable increase in Islamic fundamentalism. It will do considerable damage to pro-Western regimes in the Arab world."

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BA moves Kuwait jets

British Airways flights which usually terminate in Kuwait will now go on to Bahrain, after crews expressed concern. A BA spokesman said: "Our absolute priority is the safety of our passengers and crew." The airline was criticised after the Gulf War by passengers who were taken captive from a BA flight which landed in Kuwait just before the invasion.



TED DITCHBURN

Ann Leech with a portrait of her son, Fusilier Kevin Leech, who was killed by "friendly fire" in the Gulf War

'Nothing is worth loss of a son'

By Mark Henderson

THE small Northumberland town of Prudhoe is urging the Government to show caution in using force in the Gulf.

On the run-down estates of the old coal mining town on the outskirts of Newcastle upon Tyne, residents with painful knowledge of the tragedies of modern warfare fear the consequences of military action against Iraq.

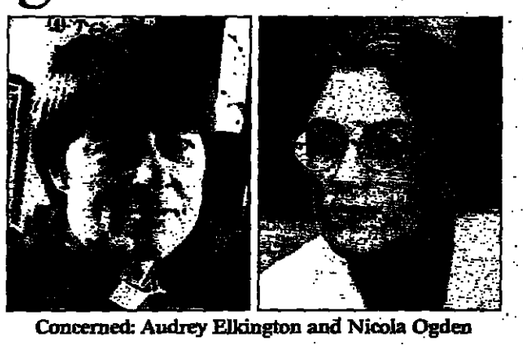
Prudhoe, where a generation of young men has struggled to find jobs since the mines closed, is prime recruiting territory for The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, the regiment that suffered the greatest casualties in the Gulf War.

Fusilier Kevin Leech, 20, was killed on February 26, 1991, when his Warrior armoured personnel carrier was hit by "friendly fire" from an American A10 warthog jet. Two other young men from the North-East, Paul Atkinson, 19, of Birtley near Gateshead, and Richard Gillespie, 19, of Tynemouth, also died in the incident, as did John Lang, a Scot who had settled in Newcastle and was engaged to marry a local girl. In the close-knit community, most people know a soldier.

Able Seaman Derek Armstrong, 22, another local son, was killed in action in the Falklands, when *HMS Ardent* was sunk in May 1982.

Kevin Leech's father, Brian, said that while Saddam Hussein was an evil tyrant, he was far from convinced that the present crisis was worth a further sacrifice of British lives. "For me, nothing's worth the loss of a life like my son's, even though it's clear Saddam is an idiot who can't be reasoned with."

Mr Leech, who has a second son, Mark, in the Fusiliers, said that military action should be considered only as a last resort and with one goal in mind — to topple Saddam Hussein. "A few air strikes will do nothing but cost lives. The job should have been finished last time." Still angry that the Americans have yet to apologise for his son's death, Mr Leech cast doubt on their ability to act wisely. "I don't trust them, still. I think Saddam half wants them to bomb him. They could be falling into a trap."



Concerned: Audrey Elkington and Nicola Ogden

The Rev Audrey Elkington, curate of St Mary Magdelene Church, where the funerals of Fusilier Leech and Able Seaman Armstrong were held, said the people of Prudhoe had developed a particularly acute awareness of the horrors of war. "A lot of boys do go into the Army if they are not going to university. Our town is more aware of the costs of war because of the two deaths."

Nicola Ogden, 19, who works in the town's tourist bureau, said: "The politicians need to consider it more carefully. If we use force, Saddam will fight back and it could end up being huge and very nasty. I know a few people from round here who went last time, and then there was Kevin Leech's plaque which we would see at school. It certainly brings it all close to home and you think about it differently."

Arabs on suspect list face detention

By Stephen Farrell

MI5 and Special Branch have drawn up a list of about 100 Iraqis and other Arabs who face detention without trial if military strikes are carried out against Saddam Hussein.

Students and activists suspected of "hostile intent" will be deported, held in custody or warned they are being watched, security sources confirmed yesterday.

The measures mirror those of the 1991 Gulf War, which were condemned by civil liberties groups, when 50 Arabs were interned in prisons and military camps and a further 167 were held pending deportation at Pentonville prison in London, Full Sutton in North Yorkshire, Coldingley in Surrey and Rollestone army camp on Salisbury Plain.

The detainees included many innocent non-Iraqi civilians, including the respected Palestinian writer Abbas Cheblak, and his compatriot Ali El-Saleh, a computer sales manager resident in Britain for 20 years. Many prisoners were held in cells for up to 17 hours a day and protested at being treated as criminals because of MI5 files up to 20 years out of date.

The authorities hope to avoid the same mistakes and say that they will be working from up-to-date intelligence.

Mr Cheblak was released within weeks after evidence from six character witnesses. Mr El-Saleh, 46, now a journalist, was held for three weeks as a "threat to national security". He believes that this was because he had been a student activist and because his sister had married a relative of the Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal.

He said yesterday: "They simply looked up their old files and rounded up people who had been active in the 1970s so they could tell people they had Palestinian and Iraqi suspects in jail.

"I was annoyed, but not bitter because so many of my friends and neighbours here worked to get me released."

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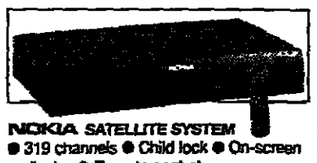
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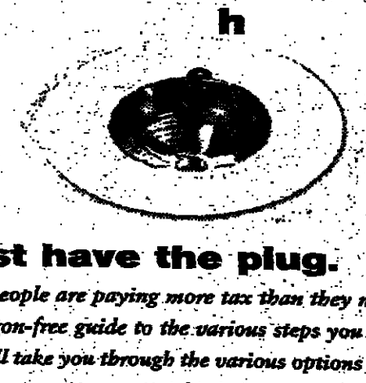
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Drink police fail to curb state's drunken ways

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN GURGAON

INDIAN ELECTIONS

THE hard-drinking farming state of Haryana in northern India looks set to abandon a disastrous experiment in prohibition, which has left it nearly bankrupt. Even the temperance movement admits it has been a farce, a blow for puritans harbouring hopes of making India teetotal.

Voting in the general election, which will continue for several more days before counting starts on March 2, is partly a referendum on standards — essentially the decadent West versus the moral East. In Haryana, there is no contest. The West wins.

A beer or a chota peg is freely available, if expensive, despite the exertions of drink police who have developed a bloodhound's nose for alcohol. Many policemen are among the biggest bootleggers: if they are not peddling drink, they are extorting money to allow others do so.

Gurgaon, bordering Delhi and Haryana, is the alcohol frontier. On the Delhi side a profusion of grubby drinking establishments caters to people who travel miles for the novelty of imbibing without having to pay a policeman to go away. There is another motivation. Legally-made Indian rum and whisky may tear through the throat like broken glass, but it is safer than the firewater flowing out of scores of illegal village stills. People often die from it.

Haryana, like neighbouring Punjab (of which it used to be a part), has a well-earned reputation for drunkenness and domestic violence. This prompted women to launch a grassroots temperance movement, leading to prohibition nearly two years ago.

Punjab's drinking reputation is so well established it lent the name of one of its cities to describe a very large measure: a Patiala peg, a term still in common use in the state and one much beloved by the British during the Raj to describe a hefty sundowner — the width of two fingers, craftily designated as the first and the fourth, ensuring a two-inch measure.

Sikhs, despite the exhortations of their faith, are among the nation's biggest drinkers, evidence for which is found in the number of accidents on the Grand Trunk Road, which cuts a deadly path through Punjab. It doubtless took the old maharajas of Patial several large pegs to gain the courage for their annual priapic display, the central part of an annual festival.

Those who fought for prohibition want it abandoned because illegal liquor has spawned a crime wave. The countryside is full of small breweries. Gin stills are everywhere, and farmers have grown accustomed to buying their booze in plastic bottles or even plastic sachets. It costs more than legal drink ever did.

Bootleggers sell brand name liquors for several times the normal shop price and the state government is reeling from the loss of excise duties. Roads are being neglected and other state services are crumbling. Everything from bus fares to petrol have been increased in price to make up some of the shortfall.

Arya Samajis, one of the leaders of the anti-drink movement, says prohibition has been a disaster. "We removed one legal theka (brewery). Now every house functions as an illegal one. We made a mistake." Rumour has it that brewing companies have been tempting politicians and others with huge bribes to abandon prohibition, which will happen as soon as the state government feels it can find an appropriate excuse. The collapse of opposition to legal brewing seems to have provided it adequate justification. Before long, Haryana's farmers will doubtless be quaffing on their tractors once more.

SHERWIN CRASTO / AP



Women in Haryana, the force behind the state's temperance movement, queue to vote in the general election

Pensioner kicked to death for £15

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

TWO schoolgirls have confessed to beating and kicking to death a pensioner who owed them 3,000 yen (£15) for comic books. Japanese police said yesterday.

The brutal murder of Tatsumi Yoshida, 69, is the latest in a wave of violent crimes by teenagers that has shocked Japan in recent weeks.

Police said the two girls, aged 14 and 15, had kicked and beaten the victim in a fit of rage on Tuesday after he refused to pay them money for comic books they had brought. Like many Japanese adults, Mr Yoshida was a fan of *manga* (comics), and paid the girls to deliver them to his door.

The schoolgirls, whose names were withheld, took a taxi to Mr Yoshida's council flat on Tuesday night and asked the driver to wait while they went inside. Police said they later came out weeping, and told the driver that "something is wrong with the old man". The driver went into the flat and found Mr Yoshida already dead.

Asian crisis casts pall over Deng's legacy of reforms

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BEIJING

HUNDREDS of millions of Chinese will today mark the first anniversary of the death of Deng Xiaoping, the leader who changed their lives with capitalist-style economic reforms, even as they worry that the economic good times he ushered in may be fading.

Since his death at the age of 92, China has managed to avoid the instability that some had predicted would follow his passing. President Jiang Zemin, 71, his chosen heir and successor, has been able to establish himself as leader of the Chinese Communist Party and the country. But fears are growing that the economic crises affecting the rest of East and South-East Asia will hurt China.

From 1978 Deng transformed China by initiating an "open door" economic policy with the rest of the world while maintaining strict political control at home. Mr Jiang has consolidated that hold on power.

Nevertheless, fears of an economic backlash are causing concern. "The Asian economic crisis was not anticipated at the time of Deng's death and it is casting a shadow over China's short-term outlook and longer-term development. As Jiang looks around the region, he must be worried," said a diplomat.

According to *China Daily*, growth is slowing as banks stagger under crushing debts and vital markets come under threat from East Asian exporters whose currencies have been devalued.

For the first time in years, illegal money-changers have appeared on the streets of Beijing as the demand for dollars grows. Tens of millions of people are out of work and wry forms of greeting, such as "Have you eaten yet?" and "Have you been laid off yet?", are the norm.

The *China Daily Business Weekly* says job security has become the main concern of Chinese workers for the first time since the Communist Party came to power in 1949.

In these times of hardship even Deng's memory is no longer sacrosanct. There are plenty of detractors who say that, although he ushered in progress, his reforms brought corruption and a gap between rich and poor that did not exist in Mao's day.

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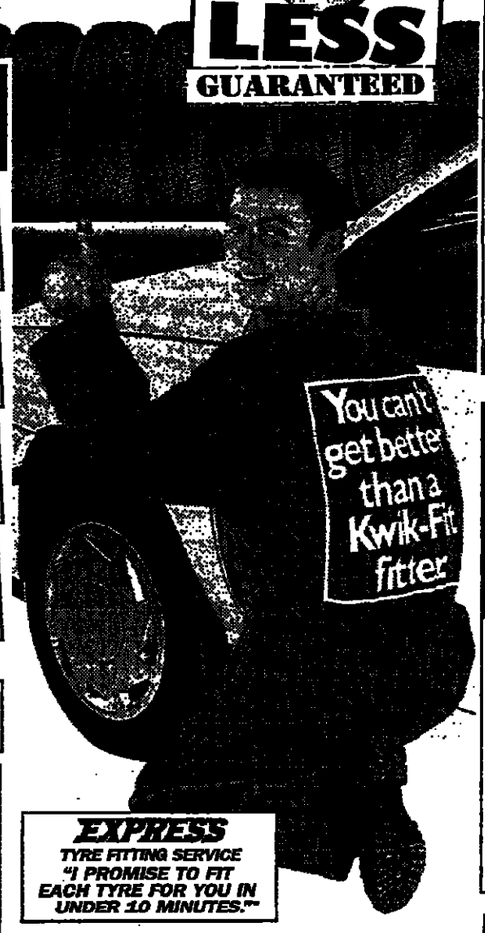
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Round one goes to Oprah in 'mad cow' war with Texas ranchers


Oprah Winfrey: moved her show to Amarillo

Amarillo's angry cattlemen are fighting on in their $10 million "veggie libel" case despite an early victory by the queen of the talk shows, writes Giles Whittell

SHE vowed never to eat another burger, but she did so without knowingly spreading lies. That was the decision of a Texas judge in the strange case of Oprah Winfrey and the cattlemen.

For nearly a month, lawyers for an angry group of cattle ranchers have tried to show that the talk show queen deliberately defamed American beef on a programme about "mad cow" disease. On Tuesday, Judge Mary Lou Robinson ruled that a statute, known in the Texas Panhandle as the "veggie libel law", had not been broken.

The judge stopped short of throwing out the case, but she handed Ms Winfrey a big victory in round one. She said the cattlemen, seeking $10 million (£6 million) in damages, had failed to show that Ms Winfrey knowingly spread falsehoods in an episode in which an activist claimed "mad cow" disease could make Aids look "like the common cold".

Ms Winfrey has moved her entire broadcasting operation to the ranching town of Amarillo, where her trial has sorted diehard Oprah fans from loyal supporters of the cattle industry. A third group with feet in both camps has succumbed to the hostess's star appeal and joined the nightly rush for tickets to her programmes in a converted theatre.

The offending programme was broadcast in April 1996 at the height of Britain's beef crisis in which herds were slaughtered and the deaths of 23 people were linked to the disease, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Howard Lyman, an anti-meat campaigner, offered Ms Winfrey's audience a doomsday scenario should the disease take hold in America. She replied: "That's it! It has just stopped me cold from eating another burger."

Paul Engler, an Amarillo cattle-feed merchant, sued the programme under a controversial law designed to protect the perishable food industries from libel. Claiming that cattle futures prices dropped by 10 per cent the day after the broadcast, he gave evidence that "the Oprah Winfrey show was the bomb that set it all off".

He may yet win, but the hearing continued yesterday as a normal business defamation case in which the cattlemen must prove that Ms Winfrey acted with malice. "Short of Oprah getting up on the witness stand and saying, 'Yes, yes, I wanted to hurt the cattle industry'. How do you prove malice?" one legal expert asked.

Starr calls Clinton confidant to testify


Bruce Lindsey, left, the President's troubleshooter, is the latest aide to face the grand jury, writes **Tom Rhodes**

THE Monica Lewinsky investigation moved a significant step closer to President Clinton yesterday as the man who for decades has operated as his most loyal adviser was questioned by a federal grand jury in Washington.

Bruce Lindsey, the deputy White House counsel, has known the President for 30 years and has been a personal protector since Mr Clinton's days as Arkansas Governor.

The title belies the power that Mr Lindsey wields inside the White House. He is a spectre who rarely attends meetings or writes memorandums, a sensible precaution during a subpoena-filled second term, and instead deals directly with the President.

He is the single aide who is always at Mr Clinton's side on important trips, who plays Hearts late into the night with the President and who, more often than not, will have the final say in any appointment to the inner circle.

Most important of all is his reluctance to talk "outside the family", a trait the Clintons value to such an extent that he has been trusted to run White House damage limitation in recurring scandals, from quashing myriad rumours of extra-marital affairs to keeping control of documents relating to the failed Whitewater land venture.

Kenneth Starr, the independent prosecutor, and his team of investigators were yesterday attempting to discover whether Mr Lindsey could provide revealing details about Ms Lewinsky, the former White House trainee alleged to have had a sexual relationship with the President.

The Starr inquiry, in particular, is eager to discover the genesis of a mysterious "talking points" memo that Ms Lewinsky handed to Linda Tripp, the colleague who later recorded their conversations. The document suggested how Ms Tripp might shape her testimony under oath.

For Mr Lindsey, the grand jury appearance must have seemed routine. He has already been served a record number of subpoenas in various investigations involving the Clintons. He was named as an unindicted co-conspirator in the Whitewater inquiry and is already facing legal bills of $250,000 (£153,000).

A trained lawyer, Mr Lindsey is adept at answering questions while giving little away. Increasingly exhausted by the scale of his responsibilities, however, he talked for the first time to colleagues last year about leaving the White House. There was talk yesterday that he may cite executive privilege to avoid testifying.

Many believe Mr Lindsey is finding the Lewinsky affair, the most controversial of Mr Clinton's presidency, much harder to defend as Mr Starr continues to demand testimony from an increasing number of witnesses.

Even as Mr Lindsey was inside the court, Kathleen Willey, the volunteer who reportedly has said that Mr Clinton groped her in November 1993, was subpoenaed by the inquiry.

Separately, the President's personal lawyers have asked a federal judge in Little Rock to throw out the sexual harassment suit filed by Paula Jones, the case which unwittingly resulted in the revelations surrounding Ms Lewinsky.

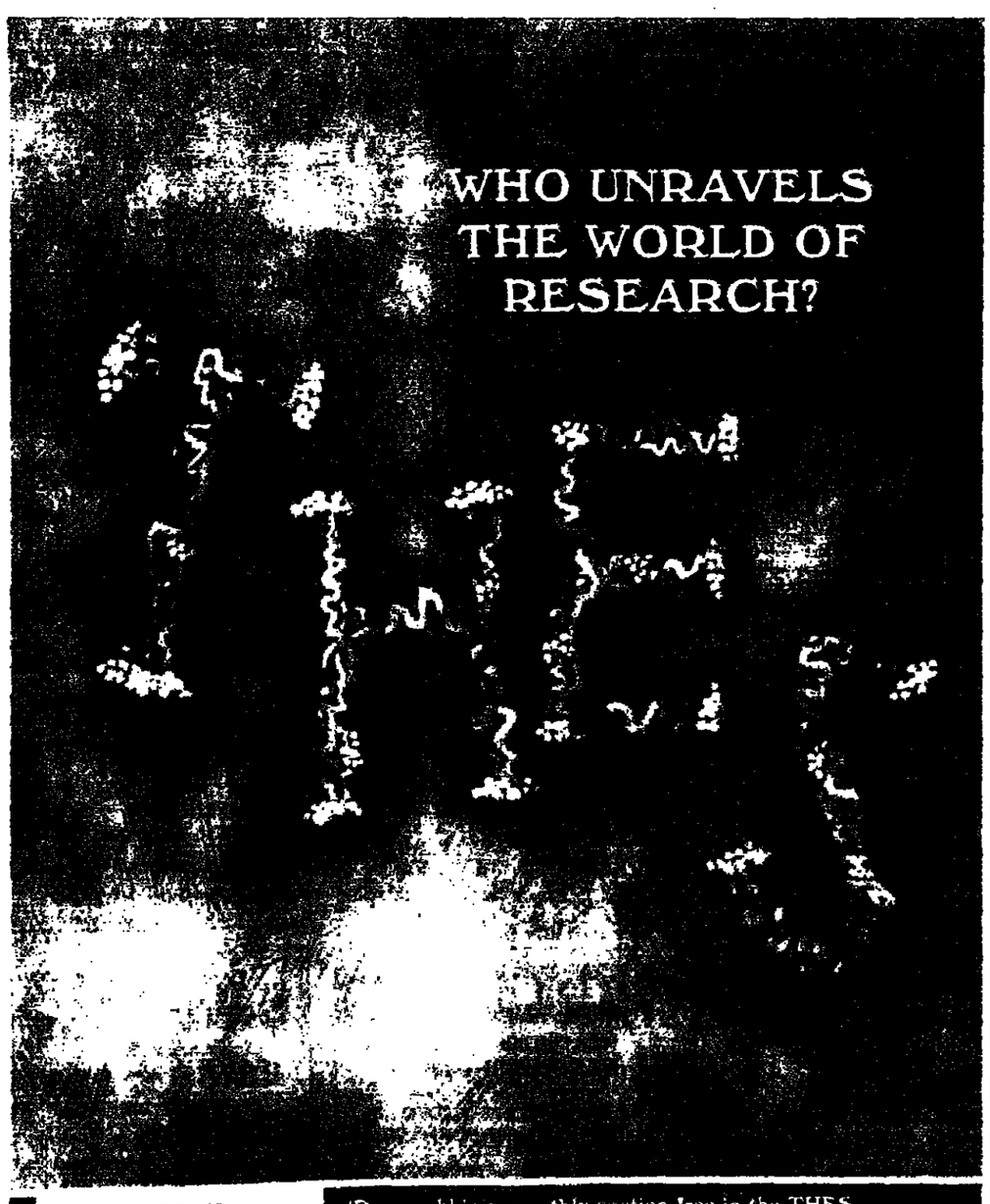
In a vast legal document, the lawyers argued for the first time that Mrs Jones, a former Arkansas employee who alleges Mr Clinton asked her to perform oral sex in a Little Rock Hotel room, had failed over the past four years to establish a pattern of sexual impropriety. "[Mrs Jones] spent 99 per cent of her discovery efforts attempting to substantiate rumours that President Clinton made sexual advances to other women. But she failed to establish that," the document said.

"Nothing could demonstrate more clearly that this suit had very little to do with redressing her purported personal injury and everything to do with using the compulsory processes of the court in an attempt to damage and humiliate the President," it added.

Tax on crime reports urged

Atlanta: Georgia legislators are debating a proposed law which would tax newspapers and radio and television stations for stories about crime.

State Representative Charles Sims has proposed the 10 per cent tax on revenue generated by crime stories. He also wants criminals to pay a 100 per cent tax on money they get when they sell their story. All proceeds would be given to victims but the American Civil Liberties Union said the Bill threatened free speech and a free press. *(Reuters)*



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Hakuba course workers seize an opportunity to sleep as rain postponed events

CBS slips up on coverage of Winter Olympics

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

AMERICAN viewers are giving the Winter Olympics in Nagano a spectacular thumbs-down, spurning inept and delayed television coverage for more up-to-date newspaper reports.

Figures released yesterday show that the Games have so far had the lowest ratings since the 1968 Olympics, hosted by France in Grenoble. With ratings of only 16.4 (each ratings point represents 980,000 "TV homes"), CBS network is ruing the day it paid $375 million (£230 million) for broadcasting rights.

In Britain, the Olympics are being screened both by the BBC and the satellite channel Eurosport. A pleased BBC said provisional viewing figures showed 1.9 million people were watching its nightly round-up programme — at 7pm on BBC2. An average of 500,000 people see late-night events, including some live competitions, between midnight and 3am. Highlights of the opening ceremony on BBC2 were watched by 1.8 million people.

Eurosport, providing 24-hour coverage, said its average late-night viewing figure for Britain was 27,000. Up to 80,000 watched Tuesday's speed skating highlights. Across Europe, 65 million people tuned in for at least 15 minutes in the first week.

As the figure-skating competition heats up this week, CBS is praying that Michelle Kwan, Tara Lipinski and Nicole Bobek — three elfin American favourites — will give ratings a much-needed boost. Dismal viewing figures for the first 11 days of prime-time coverage mean advertisers have been offered large slices of free air time as compensation.

The time difference with Japan has certainly hampered CBS's ability to bring live coverage to viewers, ensuring that exploits have already featured in newspapers or on the news. However, incensed viewers also say that it is devoting too much time to "soft" features about athletes, and not enough to hard news and coverage.

Many Americans living in northern border states, or with satellite dishes, are tuning into the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, which covers all events in depth at all times.

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Heavy snowfalls at Shiga Kogen defeated skiiers

Widow 'cheated' of $21 million jackpot

BY TUNKU VARADARAJAN

THE owner of a corner shop is suspected of swindling a 72-year-old widow out of $21 million after he claimed that a lottery number — which she has picked every single week for seven years — was his on the day it won the jackpot.

Paraskeve Kantges, who has demanded the prize money, says she placed a telephone order for her "usual ticket" with Nick Haven, who runs a shop in Watertown, Massachusetts. She always buys her ticket from him. Owing to heavy snow on the day, she had not been able to walk to Mr Haven's shop and take possession of the ticket.

Yet on the day the winning number was announced, with the tenth largest jackpot in Massachusetts history, she found that Mr Haven would not give her the ticket; he said that it was his.

Mrs Kantges, aghast, took her case to the State Lottery Commission. The number, 4-6-10-16-19-25, was the number she had played every week since 1991, because it represents the hour and date of her birth: 4am on the sixth day of the week (Friday) on the 16th day of the tenth month in the year 1925. Her first name — Paraskeve — means Friday in Greek. Joseph Malone, the chairman of the commission, was suspicious enough of Mr Haven to suspend temporarily his licence to sell tickets. The latter claimed that Mrs Kantges had rung him a few minutes after ordering her ticket to say that she had changed her mind and wanted to cancel. So, he says, he bought it himself. The widow denies this.

Yesterday, Mr Malone said: "We want the case to be treated as if it's a $21 million bank heist. There is an awfully strong case that Mrs Kantges is the winner."

WORLD SUMMARY

El Niño prompts food crisis

Rome: A near-record number of countries face food supply emergencies this year, mainly because of the effects of the El Niño weather phenomenon, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) reported.

The Rome-based agency said that the number of countries facing food emergencies has increased to 37 compared to 31 towards the end of last year. Food supply troubles stretched through Africa, Asia, Latin America and parts of the Commonwealth of Independent States, and also included Iraq and North Korea. *(Reuters)*

Algeria attack leaves 23 dead

Paris: Suspected Islamic militants massacred 23 civilians overnight in the western Algerian province of Tlemcen. Security forces were quickly on the scene and claim they shot dead one of the assailants and were hunting others. Television had earlier shown the bodies of eight militants whom it claimed were operating in the Tlemcen area. Four attacks in three days have left at least 55 dead. *(Reuters)*

Ferry disaster case is closed

Stockholm: Sweden officially closed the book on Europe's worst peacetime shipping disaster, the sinking of the *Estonia* ferry, with a decision not to press charges against anyone because of lack of evidence. Relatives and friends of the 852 people who perished in the 1994 disaster are continuing to pursue a civil claim in France. *(Reuters)*

Terrorists are jailed

Paris: Thirty-six members of an Algerian Muslim guerrilla group were jailed for up to ten years, including the suspected ringleader reported killed by security forces in Algeria. The court sentenced Ali Touchent, tried in his absence for masterminding bombings in France in 1995, because there was no undisputed document proving he was dead. *(Reuters)*

Kaunda faces lesser charge

Lusaka: The former Zambian President, Kenneth Kaunda, was charged with concealing information about an attempted coup, a lesser charge than plotting the failed putsch for which he was arrested. The charge carries a possible sentence of life imprisonment, defence lawyers said. *(AP)*

Turk tried for slander

Ankara: Oral Celik, who was once implicated in the 1981 shooting of the Pope, has gone on trial for allegedly slandering Mesut Yilmaz, the Prime Minister, after he claimed during testimony that in 1984 Mr Yilmaz had asked a terrorist to arrange for his gambling debts to be wiped out. *(AP)*

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Mussolini: he was a notorious womaniser

Woman claims Duce as father

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

A WOMAN of 69, who says she is the illegitimate daughter of Benito Mussolini, the former Italian Fascist dictator, has asked the authorities to exhume the Duce's body from the family tomb at Predappio, near Ravenna, for DNA tests, so that her claim can be proved.

Claudia Apriotti said she was the result of a "brief but intense relationship" between Mussolini and Princess Sveva Vittoria Colonna, who was 19 at the time of the alleged affair in 1929.

Signora Apriotti told *Oggi* magazine that she felt it was "time the truth was made known". Carlo Maccallini, her lawyer, said he had applied to the courts for an exhumation "so that my client's paternity can be established beyond question".

Signor Maccallini said exhumation could be avoided if Mussolini's legitimate descendants would agree to blood tests. They include Romano Mussolini, the dictator's only surviving son, and Alessandra Mussolini, the Duce's granddaughter, who is MP for Naples. He said the Princess, who is 88, had never publicly acknowledged that she was the mother, but he claimed that a Jesuit priest had acted as a conduit for discreet financial help from the Princess to Signora Apriotti.

Mussolini was a notorious womaniser, to the distress of his wife, Rachele, and in 1932 acquired a long-term mistress, Clara Petacci, who was murdered with him in 1945.

Romano Mussolini, who is a noted jazz musician, dismissed the claim of Signora Apriotti as "absurd", and said he would stand in front of the tomb at Predappio to prevent the body from being exhumed.

Internet neo-Nazi suspect arrested in Britain

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

AN Anglo-French police operation has broken up a violent international neo-Nazi organisation which issued death threats against French celebrities and politicians on a British-based Internet site.

Hervé Guttuso, 25, the French suspected leader of the group Charlemagne Hammer Skins, was arrested in Springfield, Essex, and is expected to be extradited to France for trial. Another eight members of the network have been arrested in the South of France and charged with making death threats, inciting racial hatred and denying crimes against humanity.

The group allegedly ran an Internet site on which it issued death threats to prominent French men and women, including Simone Veil, the former Cabinet minister, Anne Sinclair, a television presenter, Jean-François Kahn, a journalist, and Patrick Gaubert, vice-president of the French Anti-Racist League. Addresses of the alleged targets, most of whom are Jewish, were also said to have been given on the Internet site.

"Our enemies must pay," the group said on its Internet site, according to M Gaubert, a former adviser to the French Interior Ministry, who is under police protection. Working with Scotland Yard, police in Toulon traced the London address of the Internet site, which was being accessed about 5,000 times a month. The investigation has enabled police to identify about 1,500 people sympathetic to the neo-Nazi group in countries including Britain, Greece, Canada, America and Poland.

The French inquiry was launched in September 1996 after police in Toulon discovered neo-Nazi and anti-Semitic works hidden at a disused army site. The documents contained death threats and incitements to racial hatred and the violation of cemeteries, most notably in the magazine *Wotan* [Will of the Aryan Nation], the Charlemagne group's monthly magazine.

M Guttuso, who was working as a chef in Springfield, was arrested last week after Scotland Yard officials met Thierry Rolland, the French investigating magistrate, and Pierre Cortes, president of the Toulon court, in London last month. M Guttuso moved to England in 1995 and is believed to have been watched for several months.

Documentary evidence obtained by the French police indicates links between the Charlemagne group and a shadowy group of French Satanists, the Sacred Emerald Order. Three members of that group were sentenced to between one and three years in prison last October for exhuming and mutilating a corpse in a Toulon cemetery in 1996.

More arrests are likely to follow in the coming weeks, French police sources said yesterday.

French investigators say that the Charlemagne group appears to be one of the largest and best organised neo-Nazi groups yet uncovered, with a co-ordinated international structure and logistical centres for disseminating violent racist propaganda based principally in Britain and America.

Last September the police questioned 13 people after raids in Lyons, Rouen and Marseilles. Eight of those questioned, believed to be associated with the Charlemagne group, have been placed under formal investigation in prison by M Rolland.

Searches conducted at the homes of those arrested produced much racist and neo-fascist literature. Some of those facing charges are described by police as "fervent admirers of Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich".



Sinclair: "death threat" for television presenter



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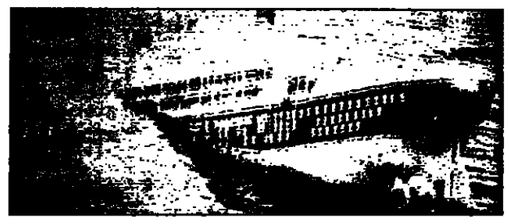
Stills from the 1912 silent film show the captain of the *Titanic* and, below, the sinking of the ocean liner

First film on Titanic surfaces in Berlin

Berlin: The world's first film about the *Titanic*, a 30-minute silent film made in Berlin two months after the liner sank in 1912, has been discovered on the shelf of a film collector here, a German newspaper said yesterday.

The *Tagesspiegel* daily said one copy of *In Nacht und Eis* (In Night and Ice), which is believed to be the first of at least eight feature films on the doomed ship, had been found after a lengthy search.

Andreas Austilat, a journalist whose earlier articles on the film by director Mime Misu prompted the anonymous film collector to come forward, said: "The film is no great work of art, but it is historically significant because it was made so soon after the *Titanic* sank."



The latest film on the *Titanic* tragedy is breaking box office records around the world, taking more than $700 million (£429 million) in its first two months. Other films on the doomed ship include the 1958 *Night to Remember* by Roy Ward Baker; a 1929 German-British co-production called *Atlantic* by E.A. Dupont; and a 1942 German film *Titanic* by director Herbert Selpin.

Herr Austilat said the special effects of *In Nacht und Eis* are primitive. It is clear that the toy ship runs into an ice cube in a small pond. "But it is quite an achievement for 1912," he said. "He [Misu] shows the tensions between the wealthy and poor passengers. He shows the captain going down with the ship." *(Reuters)*

Belgian fiasco leads to police merger

FROM REUTERS IN BRUSSELS

BELGIUM announced sweeping changes to its police forces yesterday in the face of public outrage at their role in the country's festering child murder scandal.

A unified national police force will be created combining paramilitary gendarmerie and the judicial police, said Jean-Luc Dehaene, the Prime Minister, after a special Cabinet meeting.

Two reports by an all-party parliamentary committee — the latest of which was published on Tuesday — attacked the police and particularly the gendarmes for errors, miscalculations and bungling in the hunt for the abductors of four girls. Their graves were found in mid-1996 on property belonging to the convicted child rapist, Marc Dutroux, who had escaped detection up to then despite his criminal record and being under surveillance while holding at least two of the girls prisoner.

The reports found that rivalries between the police forces had meant vital information was withheld and, in some cases, misleading information passed on.

The new, 18,000-strong unified national police force will come under the joint control of the Justice and Interior Ministers, have a single police chief and an overseeing committee of control. The new force, to be established before national elections in mid-1999, will act at both national and local level, and liaise closely with the 18,000-strong communal police controlled by mayors.

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Nato to extend Bosnia mandate

BY MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A NEW Nato peacekeeping force for Bosnia to replace the 35,000 troops whose mandate ends in June was formally approved by 16 alliance ambassadors yesterday.

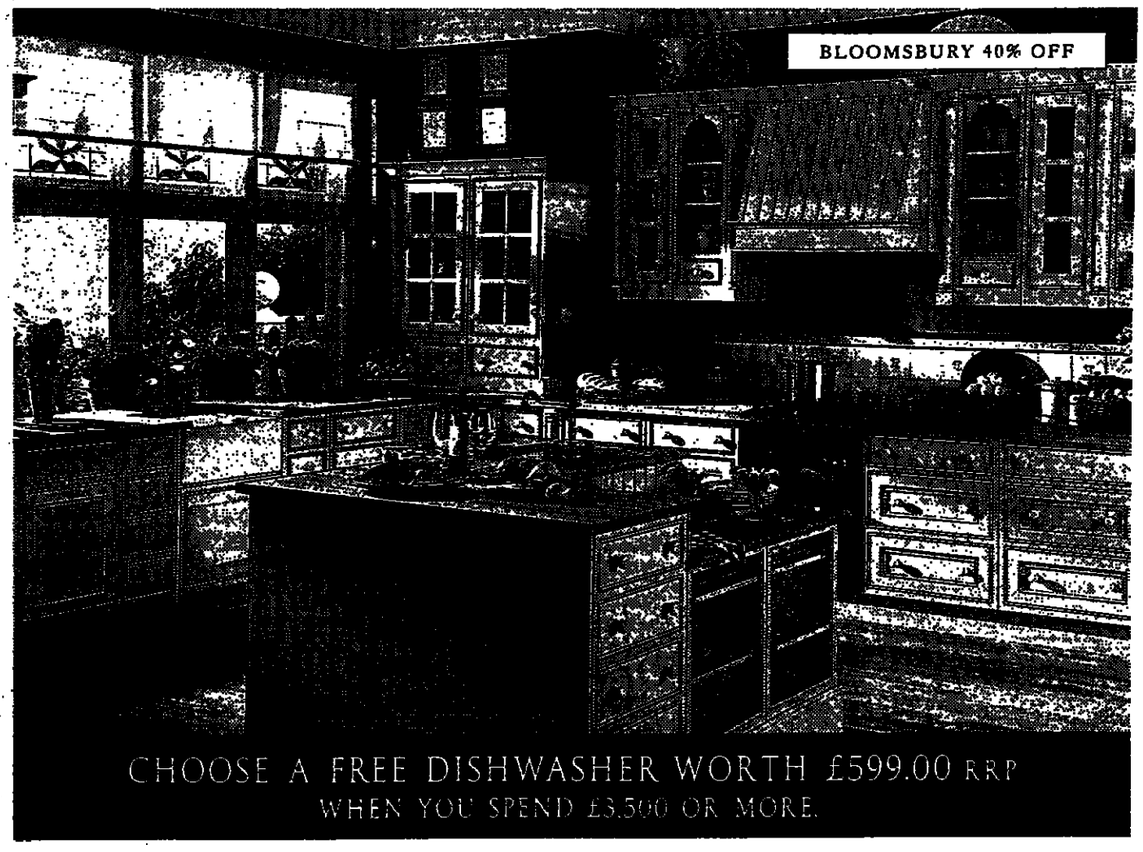
They decided that the force should keep to the same strength of 35,000 troops, but that will be reduced to 20,000-25,000 after Bosnian presidential and parliamentary elections in September.

The decision commits Nato to a third phase of peacekeeping. At first it had been hoped that the Nato mission could be completed in one operation. Peacekeeping troops, part of the so-called Implementation Force (Ifor), were deployed to ensure that the Bosnia-Herzegovina Peace Accord, reached at Dayton in the United States to end the war, was properly enforced.

Ifor was replaced by Sfor, the Stabilisation Force, when the former warring factions failed to fulfil all their Dayton obligations. Sfor's mission will be completed by the end of June and, although America had said it would then withdraw its troops, US soldiers will be playing the key role in the new force — to be called Dfor, standing for either Dissuasive or Dissuasion Force. Britain is expected to maintain its force of just over 5,500 troops.

The Nato ambassadors will see representatives of non-Nato countries that have contributed troops to Sfor tomorrow, prior to the drawing up of an operational plan.

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Readers admire Clinton exploits

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

THE Russian public is opposed to military action against Iraq, but President Clinton can draw comfort that most back him over Paula Jones and Monica Lewinsky — to judge by nearly 4,000 letters to the popular daily *Komsomolskaya Pravda*. Under the headline "Sleep with whom you like, but don't drop bombs!", the paper ran the results of a reader survey.

RUSSIA

Of 3,752 respondents, only 54 were against the President. Most expressed amazement that such trivial pursuits could force loss of office.

The replies will now be sent to the American Embassy here, and to the White House.

Bahrain base ban upsets US strategy

America cannot use its Gulf airpower fully until diplomatic hurdles have been cleared, writes **Michael Evans**

DESPERATE attempts are being made by the United States to persuade the Gulf state of Bahrain to allow American combat aircraft to take off from its bases in the event of a decision to launch military strikes against Iraq.

A huge array of US Air Force firepower has been assembled at the Sheikh Isa base in Bahrain ready for launching attacks, but on Tuesday the Gulf state said that it would not sanction combat aircraft taking off for attacks on Iraq.

President Clinton has telephoned Sheikh Isa bin Sulman al-Khalifa, the Emir of Bahrain, according to Pentagon sources, and received assurances that he would get all the help he needed from the area. However, the statement from Bahrain that it had not approved the use of its territory for airstrikes indicated that there was still urgent negotiating to be done.

The US has a whole air expeditionary force based in Bahrain, consisting of dozens of F16s, F15s, air-refuelling tankers and three B1B strategic bombers. An air force official said that the air expeditionary force had been sent to Bahrain just before Christmas. Two more B1B bombers, bringing the total to three, were sent only recently, on the understanding that the Bahraini base could be used for offensive strikes.

Only last week, William Cohen, the US Defence Secretary, said he had been assured by Bahrain and Kuwait that American and British aircraft could be launched from their bases. The RAF has three VC10 tankers in Bahrain.

A Pentagon official in Washington said: "We are doing everything we can to resolve this matter by talking to our allies in the region."

The US Fifth Fleet has its headquarters in the port of Manama, which has boosted the economy of the Gulf state, and it is expected that much pressure will be applied to the Government to recognise the importance of supporting Washington.

American officials hope that Bahrain will change its mind once all the diplomatic efforts have been exhausted. That, it is assumed, would come after any announcement by Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, that his peace mission to Baghdad had failed.

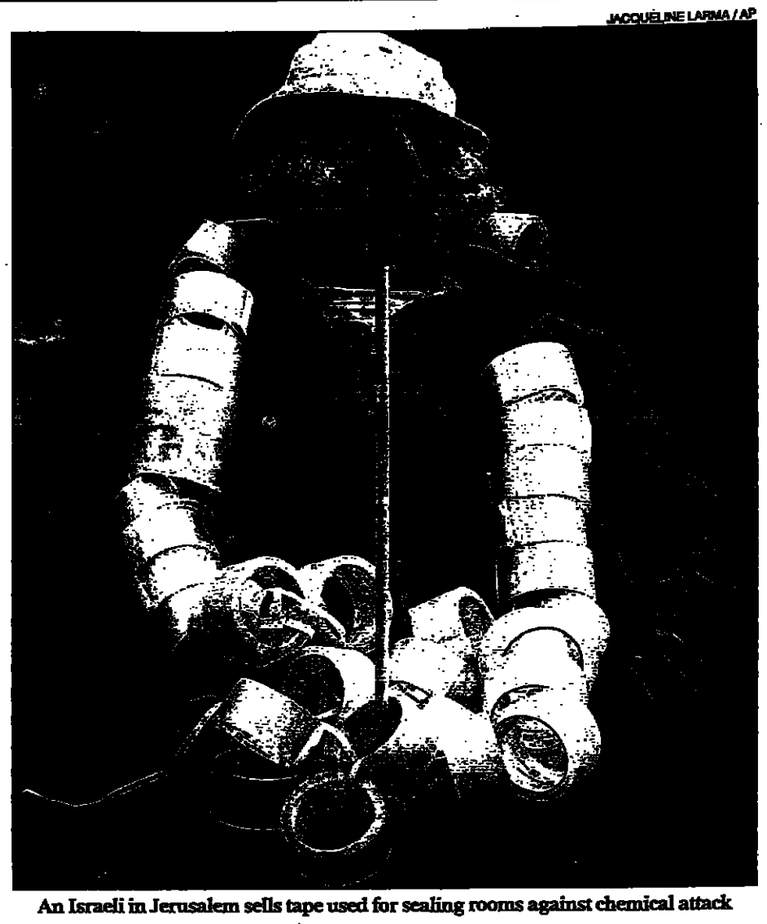
However, for the present there remain some unresolved key issues that could affect the timing of any US-led airstrikes.

Saudi Arabia is still adamant that it will not approve the launching of offensive operations from its bases, although negotiations are continuing with the Saudi Government. Some American military officials hope that even the Saudis may change their mind if President Saddam Hussein of Iraq refuses to co-operate over the latest peace offer.

Another important outstanding issue is the choice of headquarters in the region for General Anthony Zinni, the US Marine Corps officer who is Commander-in-Chief of US Central Command and the man who will be in charge of the multinational military operation. General Zinni has various options, including Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, but until he has received his executive orders from President Clinton and the diplomatic difficulties have been resolved in the two countries, he has had no alternative but to await events.

General Zinni went to the Gulf last week to examine possible locations for his headquarters and then flew to Washington to discuss his views with the Pentagon.

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An Israeli in Jerusalem sells tape used for sealing rooms against chemical attack



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Generals and rabbis prepare nation for war

Israelis prepare to meet the Iraqi threat of Scud missile attacks, **Christopher Walker** reports from Jerusalem

Leading Israeli rabbis took to the skies yesterday to say prayers to ward off any Iraqi Scud missile attacks while, on the ground, the security forces introduced a plan codenamed Operation Snakeskin to counter any attack.

Under the plan, the Home Front Command and the Health Ministry conducted their first exercise designed to deal with any attack using biological or chemical weapons. In such an event, soldiers in protective kit will hand out antibiotics door to door.

Amid continued scenes of national hysteria about the possibility of a germ attack by President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, Israel radio reported that a planeload of rabbis led by the venerable Rabbi Yitzhak Kaddouri had made the prayer flight in an attempt to try to ward off any Iraqi missile attacks.

Many ordinary Israelis, well versed in the coded language used by their leaders when referring to Israel's unadmitted nuclear arsenal — including weapons understood to have been readied for use in the event of any Iraqi chemical or biological strike — were more comforted by the words of Major-General Eitan Ben-Eliyahu, the air force's commander.

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Speaking publicly for the first time since the crisis developed, the general assured Israelis that the air force was taking necessary precautions and that it was ready to deal with any threat. "If events develop, the air force, in its current state of routine preparedness, together with a little homework and preparations we are doing now, knows how to give an appropriate response if needed," he said.

His remarks were interpreted by Western security experts as indicating that Israeli warplanes and Jerico 3 missiles are poised to attack Iraqi targets in the event of even a single germ-tipped missile being fired. The experts believe that Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, has given orders for instant non-nuclear reaction should a conventional Iraqi missile hit Israel. Diplomatic sources said that most of the Cabinet were unlikely to heed appeals from Washington or London that any nuclear reaction to an Iraqi chemical or biological strike on Israel should be left to the allied forces. The Israeli plan is for at least one tactical nuclear warhead or neutron bomb to be used.

As part of Operation Snakeskin, details were published in the Israeli press yesterday of how to prepare the sealed rooms ordered in every house or flat once news is received that an Iraqi attack may be imminent. Shops have witnessed brawling as tens of thousands of anxious citizens queued for scarce plastic sheeting after remarks by Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister.

Public nerves were shaken further yesterday when the newspaper *Yediot Aharonot* reported that most of the sheeting being bought "does not keep out poison gas". *The Jerusalem Post* told readers: "The room should be an internal one, with as few as possible outside walls and windows, and preferably adjacent to the bathroom so that it too can be sealed."

Prepare "plastic sheets, preferably multi-layered, tape, floor rags (for the crack between the door and the floor), long-sleeved waterproof clothes for each family member, food and at least one litre of water per person, stored in sealed plastic bottles".

The paper added: "If and when instructions are issued to seal the room, close the blinds and windows of the room you have chosen, stick wide tape around every window and door frame, except the room's entrance door. Make sure you tape over all keyholes."

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Babies sacrificed to one man's ego



One in three Iraqi children is chronically malnourished as Saddam stockpiles weapons of destruction, writes Sam Kiley in Baghdad

ZAINEB ALI is what generals call "collateral damage". A victim of malnutrition and infection, that cannot be treated for lack of drugs, she will be dead in a few days, sacrificed on the altar of one man's ego and foreign powers' desire to contain it.

She will join thousands of other children who have died as a direct result of President Saddam Hussein's failure to comply with the terms of the 1991 Gulf War ceasefire, and his willingness to allow 17 million Iraqis to suffer the cost of his intransigence.

The sanctions, which were imposed seven years ago to force him into compliance with UN resolutions calling on him to destroy his weapons of mass destruction, restrict the export of all commodities, including food and medicine, to the rogue regime.

Saddam's smiling portraits and the statues of him in uniform striking heroic poses adorn almost every street corner in Baghdad. He has even been good enough to bestow his name on the paediatric hospital where Zaineb lies dying.

But, as he has refused to comply with the UN resolutions, his name is almost the only thing he can give the 400 toddlers in the hospital named after him.

Zaineb, at 18 months, is suffering from gastroenteritis and septicaemia from an abscess in her cheek, as well as malnutrition. The daughter of a Bedouin family, she lies in a ward filled with children who have little chance of surviving diseases which are fatal only because doctors do not have the basic drugs to treat them.

"There is no reason why this child, and many others like her, should be a few days from death. Her condition could be easily treated with drips and antibiotics," said Dr Khalid Saleh. But the Saddam Hussein Children's Hospital ran out of all drips, other than those containing saline solution, three days ago. The supply of antibiotics dried up yesterday.

"We don't have glucose solutions, we don't have any nutritional drips. Without these it is almost impossible to treat children dying from malnutrition," said the hospital's senior consultant, Dr Yassir Raouf. Pointing at a baby gasping inside an incubator, he said: "That's one of the lucky ones. Some premature babies are treated in the hospital. But we only have six incubators. Some go home to die."

> "The gasping tiny baby in the incubator was a lucky one. Some premature babies go home to die"

Omar Jamal is ten months old and suffers from a congenital heart condition that will kill him unless he gets treatment in the West. His father, Mahmoud, held him gingerly.

"Drugs are not a problem for us. But we need to get Omar to an expert surgeon or he will die. I see my baby dying. I see other babies dying. This cannot be right," he said. Shadar, his wife, wept. "Can you help my baby?" she asked.

According to the World Health Organisation, one in three Iraqi children under five — 960,000 babies and toddlers — is "chronically malnourished".

According to the UN, Iraq imports about $210 million (£130 million) worth of healthcare products every six months under the UN's "oil for food" deal. All other imports, the UN insists, are illegal and UN officials said yesterday that they were satisfied that the Iraqi regime has distributed food and medicines fairly.

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, who is expected to arrive in Baghdad tomorrow in a last-ditch attempt to persuade Saddam to agree to unfettered access to all suspected weapons sites, has recommended that the UN raise the whole "food for oil" allowance from $2 billion to $5.2 billion — which would give the health sector $3.4 billion.

A vote to approve the increase in the "oil for food" scheme could come as early as tomorrow night. Security Council diplomats insist that there is no linkage between the humanitarian package and the confrontation over arms inspections.

US and British military planners have insisted that they will select targets that cause the minimum amount of "collateral damage". But as the Saddam Hussein Children's Hospital demonstrates, sanctions imposed by civilians are already taking innocent lives — and show no signs of affecting the Iraqi President's grip on power.

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A mother holds her sick baby in a Baghdad hospital. Many have little chance of survival

Britain says new resolution required

By Michael Binyon
Diplomatic Editor

BRITAIN yesterday insisted that a new resolution in the United Nations Security Council was needed, whether Kofi Annan's mission to Iraq succeeded or not.

The Foreign Office said that if the UN Secretary-General won Baghdad's agreement to allow UN weapons inspectors free access to the sites they wished to visit, the resolution would codify Iraq's agreement and obligations. If Mr Annan failed, it would express world dismay, and international condemnation of Iraq.

The Foreign Office insisted, however, that no new resolution was needed to give legal authority to any military action. "It would be better, from a political and legal point of view," the spokesman said.

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But Britain believed any action was already authorised by the Security Council resolution 687, passed at the end of the Gulf War, which established the ceasefire and spelt out the UN demand that Iraq agree to the inspection and dismantling of all weapons of mass destruction.

Britain says that Iraq's refusal to allow inspectors free access constituted a breach of that resolution. The ceasefire, therefore, no longer applied and the UN fell back to resolution 678 — which authorised force to secure Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait.

Britain has found general agreement with its view that Mr Annan's mission was the make-or-break move. Nothing further could be put to Iraq and, if diplomacy failed this week, a military strike could be expected shortly afterwards.

Annan proposes role for 'dignity police' as fresh gloss is put on old offer

By James Bone in New York and Sam Kiley

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THE final offer being carried to Baghdad by Kofi Annan, the United Nations Secretary-General, in an effort to avert war is virtually identical to one that Iraq rejected last month when proposed by the chief UN weapons inspector.

The compromise offers "white-glove" inspections of the living quarters of the eight "presidential sites" placed off-limits by Iraq, with Baghdad-based diplomats chosen by the UN chief accompanying weapons inspectors in order to guarantee the "dignity and sovereignty of Iraq".

Diplomats say that Richard Butler, the chairman of the UN Special Commission (Unscom) responsible for ridding Iraq of weapons of mass destruction, has privately dubbed the proposed diplomatic escort "the dignity police". Except for a few minor details, Mr Butler made the same offer to Tariq Aziz, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister, during his talks in Baghdad last month. One Unscom source said there was virtually no difference between Mr Butler's offer and Mr Annan's proposal.

According to Mr Butler's written report to the Security Council on his return, dated January 22: "The executive chairman said progress might be made if it were possible to differentiate the presidential residences from the buildings and areas around them but within the defined presidential and sovereign sites.

"If Iraq were to accept the commission's right to inspect these sites, the commission might be able to apply particular procedures for the inspection of the buildings where the President lives and works, while preserving the inspection's objectives and effectiveness."

When Mr Butler made the offer, however, Mr Aziz simply repeated his demand for a three-month moratorium on UN inspections of "presidential sites" and said he would reconsider his position only when access to such sites was the sole outstanding issue before UN sanctions could be lifted.

Mr Annan, whose mission yesterday received the full backing of the 15-nation Security Council, is hoping the package will now be acceptable to Iraq because of the weight of international opinion and the threat of imminent military action.

"Obviously, this is not going to be an easy mission," Mr Annan said after meeting the full Security Council. "It's a difficult mission, coming at a critical juncture." The Iraqi Government, he said, has "indicated they are serious".

The UN yesterday announced it would evacuate 30 staff from Baghdad on the eve of the Secretary-General's visit.

Described by Eric Falt, spokesman for the UN in Baghdad as a "precautionary staff protection measure", the evacuation unnerved some local people.

"If the UN are running away, what hope is there that the Americans will not bomb us now. They have told the UN to get out and that tells us they are going to start bombing soon," said Ahmed Rafidi, a roadside kebab-vendor. However, the evacuation will still leave 240 UN staff in the capital.

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An easy cure for fibroids



Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on fibroids, breast cancer, anthrax, indigestion, and the dangers of toys in food products

Between 20,000 and 30,000 women in the United Kingdom every year have a hysterectomy to reduce their monthly loss of blood as a result of fibroids, the benign muscular tumours that grow in the wall of the uterus. *Pulse*, a magazine for GPs, reports that Dr Woodruff Walker, a radiologist at the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford, has imported Professor Ravina's Parisian non-surgical treatment for the condition which, in many cases, removes the need for an operation.

The procedure doesn't involve admission to hospital, whereas those who have a hysterectomy may be in-patients for between five and ten days. Surgery is also more likely to have serious complications. Only 4 per cent of the patients who had Dr Walker's non-surgical treatment needed a hysterectomy later.

Professor Ravina's principle involves passing a catheter under X-ray control into the uterine artery then injecting into it a substance, polyvinyl alcohol, that centres on an enriched blood supply around the tumour. The chemical causes obstruction of the little vessels leading to the fibroid which then, in an appreciable proportion of cases, shrinks over the next few days. Smaller fibroids disappear altogether, the larger ones lose about half their bulk.

By the age of forty, 40 per cent of women have fibroids but although they are so common, there is little awareness of them. In most cases the fibroids do not cause symptoms and after the menopause they tend to atrophy and sometimes even calcify harmlessly.

Fibroids can start to grow at any time during a woman's reproductive life, on average one in five of the women attending gynaecological and antenatal classes during these years have fibroids. There are interesting racial differences in the incidence of fibroids: Afro-Caribbean women for instance not only start having fibroids earlier, but are nine times more likely to develop them than their Caucasian neighbours.

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The fibroid tumours are composed of a mixture of smooth muscle and modified connective tissue, they grow either in the bulk of the uterine muscle, on the outside of the uterus or from beneath the lining of the uterine cavity, submucous fibroids, or from its inner surface. Fibroids can also form on the cervix of the uterus and on other occasions a submucous fibroid from inside the uterine cavity can project through the opening of the cervix.

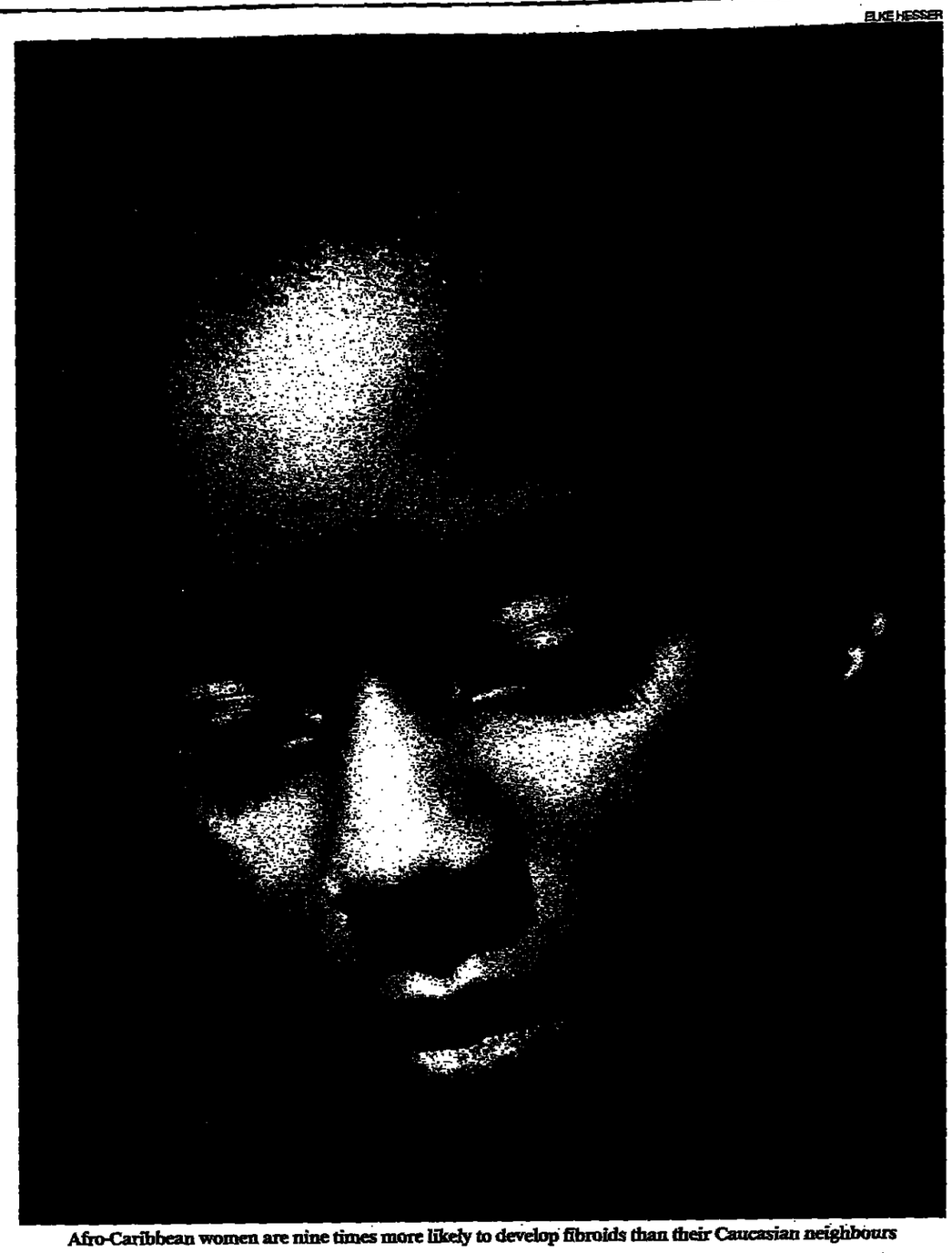
Fibroids are associated with infertility, this may be as a result of the distortion of the uterine cavity and interference with the implantation of the embryo as well as causing changes to normal uterine motility. Another possibility is that the hormonal balance which favours the development of fibroids may make conception more difficult.

Fibroids are a common cause of menorrhagia, heavy periods. Shaw, Souter and Stanton's standard textbook, *Gynaecology*, quotes figures which suggest that between 30 per cent and 50 per cent of women with fibroids suffer from excess bleeding and that it is the cause of the menorrhagia in 10 per cent of all those women who have moderately heavy periods, and in 40 per cent of those whose periods are excessive. The fibroids vary in size from that of a pea to larger than a full-term pregnancy. Blood loss induced by fibroids is a common cause of anaemia, breathlessness and loss of energy in women.

These tumours are commonly treated either by surgery, myomectomy, designed to remove each individual growth, or by hysterectomy. Myomectomy would be the obvious choice for a young woman who has only one or two fibroids and is hoping to have more babies. However, hysterectomy is favoured by doctors for the older woman whose family is complete.

Neither operation is without its complications. The number of fibroids may be enormous, in one case recorded in *Gynaecology* the painstaking surgeon removed 125. Each individual tumour has to be enucleated, shelled out, and there may be bleeding into the cavity which has been left behind. It may also be awkward to remove those from inside the cavity, the ones growing on the outside of the uterus are usually excised for fear that during pregnancy when they initially grow bigger they may twist and cause an abdominal emergency at a tricky time.

Saving the uterus has an appeal for many women beyond that of retaining reproductive capacity. Hysterectomy, too, may affect the efficiency of the pelvic floor. Hormone treatment before surgery can be used to shrink the fibroids so that complications become less likely.



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Afro-Caribbean women are nine times more likely to develop fibroids than their Caucasian neighbours

Why you should test your breasts

THE recent letter on breast examinations from the Department of Health to all doctors has caused them, their patients and organisations such as the Breast Care campaign considerable confusion.

Nothing in the Chief Medical Officer's letter, it is assumed, was intended to suggest that women are not well served by being familiar with the feel of their breasts — so that any changes will be immediately noticed and reported. Breast awareness is an important diagnostic tool.

However, a false sense of security may be induced if women slavishly follow the advice to examine their breasts formally in the bath at the same time each month. Women should regularly feel their breasts to learn what they are like at different times. They should look for changes in size and shape, and in the shape or position of the nipple. They should note any flaking, discharge or bleeding around the nipple as well as unusual lumps, thickening of the tissue, puckering of the skin and discomfort.

Nor was it intended that women with anything suspicious in their breasts should wait until their next mammography is due before going to their doctor.

Few, however, would disagree with the Chief Medical Officer that manual examination of the breast as a formal screening procedure without the support of mammography is useful.

What women need is the mammography service to include older women, the under-50s and more frequent screenings for those at risk.

The spores of war

THANKS to Saddam Hussein, the study of anthrax is now more likely to be of interest to students at the Staff College than to occupational health physicians.

In my youth, anthrax was still occasionally known as Woolsorter's disease. It was usually caught from skins, hides and fleeces imported from such places as Russia, Asia Minor, Iraq and the Far East, where it is endemic among such animals as horses, pigs, camels, sheep and goats.

Foreign goatskin was particularly notorious as a source of infection and special arrangements were made for its importation. Anthrax did not appear in Britain until 1847, and its arrival was related to the introduction of imported mohair and alpaca.

The late Dr Donald Hunter, in his book *The Diseases of Occupation*, records that at his hospital, the Royal London, 120 cases of anthrax were treated between 1884 and 1954. Some 85 per cent of these cases involved people who handled skins, fleeces, bonemeal and animal fertiliser. In the past it was not only common among dockers, but also among those who sorted the fleeces in the warehouses or who wove the wool.



Goatskin: source of anthrax

In Bradford in the last century, anthrax represented a considerable problem, although this was eased after efficient ventilation was introduced to extract the dust. Goatskins were particularly dangerous and special arrangements were made for their fumigation.

Since then, improved public health regulations have made it an increasingly uncommon disease — but even so, as late as 1927, two elephants at London Zoo died from anthrax, and four out of six zookeepers looking after them caught the disease.

Even after the Second World War, ivory workers occasionally contracted the disease, and one famous British piano keyboard-maker caught it in the late 1940s from an elephant tusk he was cutting with a circular saw.

Once the bacillus in the blood of the infected animal has come into contact with air, it forms spores. In this form, the infection can remain a latent threat for many years. Conversely, it may find entry into the human body through a cut or sore on a worker's hand.

There are three types of anthrax: the cutaneous form, in which an unpleasant black ulcer (indeed, the word anthrax derives from the Greek for coal or carbuncle) develops. Those who suffer from this type usually recover. Gastro-intestinal anthrax, in which contaminated meat is eaten, is highly dangerous as the gut wall is invaded and then ulcerates into tatters.

But it is the third form, pulmonary anthrax, that interests the Iraqi leader. In the Western world, modern ventilation made this condition a disease of the past. However, leaders during the Second World War realised its potential as a weapon — a potential that the Iraqis may now exploit. Saddam Hussein hopes to deluge his enemies with the spores, which would then be inhaled. (The spores can also linger in the ground for decades.)

Although there is no external lesion, the infection soon becomes blood-borne. Initially, a soldier would suffer from no more serious symptoms than those of severe flu — headache, fever, extreme lassitude, aching limbs and dizziness. Soon, however, the spores multiply, the lung tissue and the root of the organ, together with the associated glands, are infiltrated, bleed and break down. The mortality rate is very high and victims die comparatively quickly (usually within three days), although not so quickly that it would not cause chaos in military hospitals.

In about one in five cases, however, death is very sudden. Chest pain and breathlessness followed by collapse may be the first sign of infection.

Prevention is the best approach to anthrax, and vaccines are now available. If it is contracted, penicillin will clear it, but unless it is confined to the skin, the drug must be administered intravenously, early and in high doses. Even with antibiotics, however, the mortality rate is still high, and the shock and respiratory failure that accompanies infection must also be attended to.

Beware toys included with food products

THE death of three-year-old Roddy Breslin, of Omagh, in Northern Ireland, after he'd choked on part of a plastic toy lorry, including some chocolate egg, has resulted in better control of these advertising gimmicks. It must be made plain that warnings on wrappers are applicable to children under five rather than three.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents is hopeful that there will be European legislation, which will stop the practice of including toys with food products.

Meanwhile, parents have been warned that these toys can kill. When I was a casualty officer, two children were admitted almost at the same time after inhaling the heads of plastic guardsmen. One child died. In Roddy Breslin's case, a post mortem recovered parts of a plastic car from one of his airways.

There are known to have been three recent deaths in the UK. In Greece, the Athens Medical School found 2,000 cases in which treatment had been necessary as the result of these novelties.

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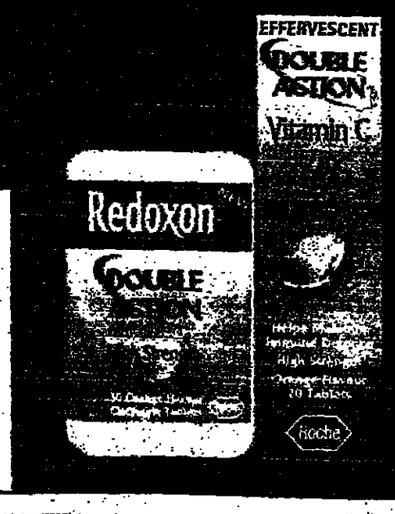
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'I'm doing this for the money'

Top model Honor Fraser may be an aristocrat, but her family is broke. Interview by **Grace Bradberry**

Fashion forges some strange alliances, and few appear stranger than that between the aristocratic model Honor Fraser and the East End designer, Alexander McQueen. This thoroughly odd couple jointly presented one of the Brit awards last week: the nob and the yob, you might say.

Except that Honor Fraser would not say that at all. Thanks to McQueen, she is now the face of Couture Givenchy, which he designs. The prestigious and lucrative contract has enhanced her status in the fashion world no end. As a result she is now banned from McQueen's own-label shows, but next Wednesday she will sit in the front row for his London Fashion Week extravaganza — a rare honour for a model.

Despite the startling contrast between his glottal stops and her soft, refined timbre, his background as a cabdriver's son, hers as a member of the Lovat Fraser clan, she insists they are soulmates. "We're both very family minded and we're both from Scotland," she says without blinking. The infamous Highland Rape collection was scarcely a homage to the homeland but it seems best to let this pass. "I really see in him someone who is a very sensitive and a very delicate person . . ." She pauses, looks momentarily flustered — "I don't know if delicate is the right word," — then smiles, and opts for "sweet" instead.

You have to hand it to Honor Fraser — the girl is smart. We meet in a dingy café on the King's Road that was one of her teenage haunts. She is wearing a pair of rather intellectual wire-framed glasses — not at all the voguish square black variety currently worn by the fashion pack — a Lainey Keogh wool scarf and a smart trouser suit. "One of Alexander's," she says in her precise little voice. Almost her first words to me are "I'm so glad to meet you. I always read your articles." She even manages to look sincere as she flatters. Whether good breeding or a talent, this must go down a treat in the fashion industry, where one well-applied compliment is worth a dozen pretty frocks.

It has taken a lot more than good *manners* — or good *looks* for that matter — to propel Honor into the upper echelons of fashion. In the beginning, her social pedigree certainly helped. It was her cousin, the stylist Isabella Blow, who first suggested she try modelling at 18. Encouraged by the success of another cousin, Stella Tennant, she moved to Paris and took classes at the Sorbonne while waiting for the big break. Though her first fashion shoot was for French *Marie Claire*, she found herself pigeonholed as the posh girl in tartan. "I had no idea what was going on and hadn't thought about how much I'd have to give to it," she says.

> 'Industry gossips said Honor was as difficult as they come'

After four years doing the rounds she wised up. First came the haircut, a ridiculous but edgy crop by Sam McKnight. She soon became the new face of Nina Ricci and Ungaro. Richard Avedon and Steven Meisel shot her, and she appeared in American *Vogue*. Campaigns followed for *Hermès*, *Kenzo* and Lacroix, and there was much talk of the new trend for blue-blood models — not only herself and Stella, but also Jodie Kidd and Iris Palmer.

Of all these young women, Honor may yet turn out to have the most staying power. As the cult for jolie laide girls has slowed, so has Iris's career. Jodie has been dogged by adverse comments on her weight (too thin). And now Stella Tennant, the most successful of all, has announced her retirement. She is rumoured to be pregnant, but friends say she had tired of the whole fashion scene, finding it trivial and bitchy.

Honor is clearly a little surprised by this. "I always think Stella is so clever about keeping her distance," she says. "I mean, everyone wishes they could value everything about their lives, but it's easy to make yourself disinterested when it all gets too much . . . although I'm not really disinterested. Actually, I find it all quite funny."

The endless scrutiny can get some girls down, but not Honor, who has an instinctive exhibitionism and a strong desire to make her fortune. Stella Tennant's family remains flush — her grandmother is the Duchess of Devonshire — but the Lovat fortune is virtually all gone; even the family seat in Inverness has been sold.

So if she adores modelling, it is just as well. "I really enjoy it, really, really enjoy it," she says, quite breathlessly. "But maybe the reason I'm so keen to be around is to have the money." She is known for her thriftiness, and has not bought so much as a studio flat, preferring to stay with her sister or friends when she is in London.

"I don't have many overheads, that's the secret. Everyone always asks me if I'm really stingy. I say 'No, no, I'm really generous, I give my family presents!' I'm not stingy, but I do see people spending a lot of money on clothes. People go to Milan and the whole of Prada is cleared out within three minutes — and it's mainly models who are buying."

Does her family's relative impoverishment lie at the root both of this restraint and her desire to succeed? "I found this business completely by accident," she says carefully. "It's rare, especially at this age, to be able to make so much money."

Once Honor realised what she was "in", she quickly transformed herself from upper-crust to street, persuading the photographer Sean Ellis to shoot her for *The Face*. She also changed agency, from *Storm* to Select, known for having unusual, edgy girls on its books. At the time, industry gossips said Honor was as difficult as they come. "I'm very hands-on," she concedes. "I'm quite relaxed on shoots, not particularly demanding, but with my agency . . . I like to know what's going on." She talks vaguely of loving fax machines and telephones. One imagines her agent must dread the sound of the phone.

All credit to her for attempting to buck a system in which models have no say in anything. "I'm totally at the mercy of the fashion world. But once they have given you a chance to establish yourself, you can use that. I'm riding on an image that has been created for me, but who knows, I might be an amazing writer, or whatever."

What limited control she does have she now uses. Her distinctive catwalk strut — "Do the horse," McQueen used to say — has been modified so she no longer resembles a dressage pony. She looks a bit embarrassed when I mention it. "I'd really got so into it," she says. "Then I saw myself doing it on video and thought 'Oh my God'. All these really beautiful girls were coming out, very composed, and then I'd come out, bringing my knees up to my chin. I'm glad it happened though — it was a trademark."

But if "the horse" ever attracted any backstage bitching, this would have been nothing compared to the knocks she suffered in 1994. First her uncle was gored to death in a hunting accident in Tanzania. Ten days later, her father died of a heart attack while out riding. Exactly a year later, her grandfather died. Her younger brother Simon became the 18th Lord Lovat but inherited a £7 million debt, forcing him to sell the castle.

"I took a month or so out of work. All my extended family were there, that was really important. We all feel the support of each other, even though we might not have seen one another for a long while. I found it very strong — that's the point of the clan system."

There was a far happier occasion last summer when 60,000 Frasers gathered in the Scottish highlands. Honor was there to see her brother make a speech.

Though she may have jettisoned tweed from her modelling work, she still wears it for fun, particularly a miniskirt made for her by Vivienne Westwood. "I wrote and said that my buttocks were really cold because it was so short." But despite the jokes and the new, hard-edged image, Honor Fraser remains a very proper sort of girl.

SIMON WALKER



"I found this business completely by accident. It's rare, especially at this age, to be able to make so much money"

Mum, what's mooching?

Jill Parkin longs to introduce her children to simple pastimes

WHENEVER it is that frogs start spawning, our family will be ready for them. There will be time, too, for other traditional children's pastimes, such as mooching. I am making a stand against infant overload — a malaise clearly visible in my children's friends.

After a heavy day of numbers and letters, they wait by the primary school doors to be claimed by their parents. They have had enough, but what do they get? More and more. They are whisked off to Le Club Français, to chess club, pottery or music with hardly time for a cuddle, let alone a grumble about mixed veg for lunch. One six-year-old does Japanese maths once a week, as well as swimming and tap-dancing.

Infant overload starts early. Toddlers are no longer allowed to toddle. Toddling is seen as aimless time-wasting. They should be in nursery school, tumble-totting or learning to swim from birth.

Encouraged by the television ad that showed a happy babe swimming underwater, I tried the duckling classes at the local pool. First and second-born yelled the house down. Five years on, we have just enrolled our eldest for swimming lessons (at Puffin level, she being too old at five to be a duckling). I am determined this will not end in Japanese maths.

It is at the school gates that the pressure steps up. By reception class, the French club leaflets are trickling in. "I wish," said one of my daughter's teachers tartly, "that someone would start an English club."

Of course, part of me is thinking "what fun. There was nothing like this when we were children". Is that why we are bringing up superchild, who has to do it all as well as have it all? Brought up with Brownies or riding or ballet and probably no mother's car, perhaps we are getting our children to do it for us now. Or perhaps it is just a status symbol. "Thursday? Must rush. It's Tara's t'ai chi. Talk about a taxi service. Bye-ee."

SO WHAT did you do in your childhood, mummy? Well, out-of-school life was an unstructured mooch to be filled with books, friends and eating apples in the garden with my sister.

On the mooch I learnt lifelong accomplishments: swimming, staring into space, knitting, baking and reaching my forehead with my big toe. Later I learnt other things which are a closed book to today's youth, such as how to catch a bus.

And yes, in those days we roamed about the countryside, somehow without being molested or knocked down. We must have been bored sometimes but at least we never suffered from stress.

Most unnatural of all, superchild doesn't even see enough of her parents to want to escape them. Parent-child contact is dwindling and she doesn't know the bliss of going to her bedroom and feeling the solitude.

Get your superchild's personal organiser out. Somewhere in March. Mooching and collecting frog-spawn. Squeeze it in.

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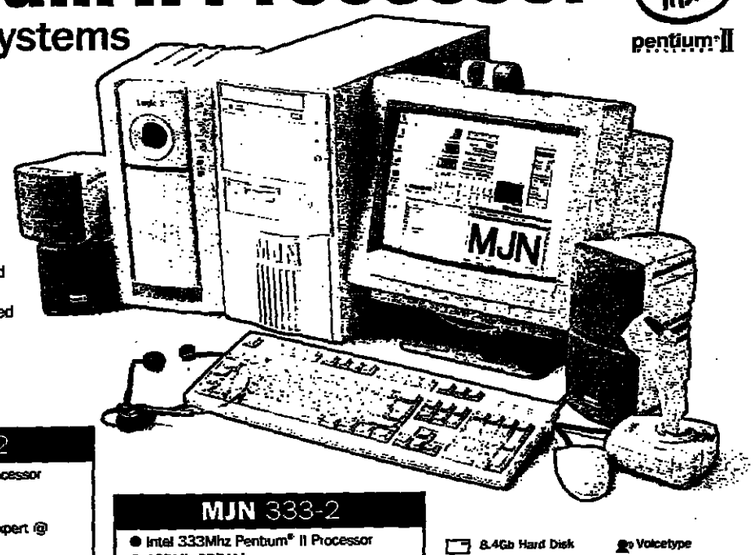
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Men who are ruined without rule

Lawrence Freedman explains why

Saddam needs power at any cost

The official line is that military strikes will weaken President Saddam Hussein but not topple him, just as they will reduce but not eliminate his chemical and biological weapons capability. No one is promising that the next bout with Iraq will be decisive.

Military action that fails to resolve an issue once and for all appears more questionable than action that produces a clear-cut result. For the critics of the American and British Governments, the fact that the combination of actual and threatened force during this decade has forced Iraq out of Kuwait, deterred it from further adventures, and made substantial inroads into Baghdad's capacity for mass destruction counts for little when the country is still under Saddam's tight control.

The Iraqi leader was built up as a modern Hitler during the run-up to the 1991 Gulf War and so his very survival, let alone his continuing misdeeds, exasperates the allies. The cat-and-mouse games they have been obliged to play with Saddam have been dispiriting. Even if he retreats now we can be sure he will be back, relying on the weariness of the international community and divisions among his opponents. He is sustained by the idea that one day he will find the West can no longer be bothered to gear up its military and diplomatic machine.

A deposed Arab leader faces exile, prison or death

If he had been toppled in 1991 we would have been spared this wretched saga, but President Bush could not have set this as a war aim and held together the loose coalition ready to expel Iraq from Kuwait. He was wary of a hard fight on the road to Baghdad. As serious was the problem of what to do with a leaderless Iraq. Many feared the country's disintegration and yet more regional instability.

The allies did not try to remove Saddam from power because they did not think that they needed to. It was possible that he would have become a casualty of Desert Storm himself and then, as John Major put it, few tears would have been shed. Deep down they simply could not believe that a political leader could lose a war, the "mother of all battles", in such a humiliating fashion and still survive.

That might have been a fair assumption anywhere other than in the Middle East. The Argentine junta was a casualty of the 1982 Falklands war. The Greek colonels were deposed in 1974 after their failed adventure in Cyprus. Eden resigned after the 1956 Suez debacle and Johnson did not stand again for the US presidency in 1968 because of Vietnam.

But the Middle East is different. In 1967 Nasser offered his resignation after the catastrophic Six Day War with Israel, but the masses demanded that he stay. Perhaps because the region seems so volatile. Arab leaders have become past masters at survival. Since the surge of radical Arab nationalism in the 1950s and 1960s the remaining dynasties in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Kuwait and the emirates, have kept a firm grip on power. Meanwhile, the radical leaders from that period are also still around: Assad of Syria, Gaddafi of Libya, Arafat of the PLO. Saddam is also a product of that time. Even when he was Vice-President of Iraq during the 1970s he was the regime's acknowledged "strong man".

In none of these countries is there a tradition of change through elections. The method is either a peaceful or a violent death. Thus, after Nasser died in 1969 the only change in Egypt resulted from Anwar Sadat's assassination in 1981. The only other possible outcomes seem to be imprisonment or exile. Saddam therefore anticipates no dignified retirement, no chance to spend more time with those members of his family he has not murdered, no equivalent of a seat in the House of Lords and opportunities to dispense anecdotes to TV interviewers.

Personal survival requires clinging to power. This means trusting nobody, eliminating conspirators before they have even begun to conspire, being secular one day and religious the next, knowing how to retreat and embrace old enemies as much as how to discard old friends and take the offensive, and claiming every setback as a victory. Saddam plays on the divisions among his opponents, as he has done successfully with the Kurds, and offers titbits to wishful thinkers who want to believe he has now been tamed. The sanctions insisted upon by the West are blamed for the miserable conditions of his people, even though he failed to take opportunities offered to him by the United Nations to bring in food and medicines and still diverts resources to his more grandiose projects.

What does this mean for allied strategy? First, even if the international community could endorse a strategy of trying to remove Saddam, it is not credible to promise a change in the Iraqi Government, given past underestimates of his durability. Secondly, this does not invalidate attempts to target the foundations of his power. Precisely because Saddam thinks so hard about his own security, he will be acutely sensitive to anything that might reduce it. Thirdly, military action is not the only form of threat. Serious support might be offered to the rather fragile Iraqi opposition. Easing economic sanctions, apart from offering an apparent sweetener to a settlement, could undermine his regime by opening up Iraqi society to a range of external influences. Fourthly, we must assume that the end of Saddam's rule will depend upon the mysterious ways of Iraqi politics, the quality of his physical protection, and, possibly, the ageing process.

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Rivers of repentance

Powell knew all about pride. His funeral showed that he died a humbler man

William Rees-Mogg

A funeral is more real than a memorial service. We went yesterday to St Margaret's, Westminster, to say farewell to Enoch Powell; the fact that his body was in the coffin, dressed as he had planned in his wartime uniform as a brigadier, made this a very different occasion from the ordinary service of thanksgiving for a life well spent.

John Biffen, in his address, referred to Enoch's "turbulent" political career; there was still some sense of turbulence even about the funeral. That is, of course, the word that Henry II used when sending the knights off to murder Thomas à Becket: "Who will rid me of this turbulent priest?" I doubt if anyone in the congregation was unaware of Enoch's physical presence at the funeral, or failed to remember the occasions on which they had disagreed with him, as well as the issues on which they had been in agreement. His political life was one of struggle.

The congregation did include a number of Enochites, that loyal band who saw him as their hero, as almost infallible. But a much larger number were those, like myself, who had strongly differed from him on some issues, but had also found ourselves in agreement on others, or had come to realise that on a particular issue he had been right all along. Perhaps the extreme example of that mixed response who was present in St Margaret's was Tony Benn, who had made the sharpest of all the speeches attacking Enoch Powell's view on immigration, but had also been close to him on the issues of Europe and the supremacy of Parliament. Tony Benn's presence was the tribute of one independent — and courageous — parliamentarian to another. Neither of them was afraid to be regarded as a turbulent spirit.

The funeral was not an establishment occasion. There was only one serving or former Prime Minister present, though Baroness Thatcher would certainly have been there if she had not been abroad, and was represented by her husband, Denis. The one who did attend was John Major; perhaps he was too nice for the harsh job of being Prime Minister, but, like Alex Douglas Home, that very quality has made him an excellent and increasingly admired former Prime Minister. For the rest, most of the politicians were those who, like Enoch himself, had held office only briefly or not at all. The congregation was not exactly a *salon des refusés*, but it contained a fair number who had collided with the Establishment and lost by the encounter.

Enoch's views, on almost any political subject, were not calculated to win him promotion, but still less to win promotion for those who took them up. Sometimes they were wrong; more often they were right, but were thought to be premature; sometimes they seemed to be eccentric. He was, like Tony Benn, a dangerous man for a younger politician to follow. St Margaret's yesterday had more than a sprinkling of the walking wounded of Enoch's campaign; it was rather like the Duke of Wellington's funeral, when the hearse was surrounded by grey beards who had lost one limb or another in Wellington's victories.

The choice of hymns and readings gave an indication of how Enoch had come to look back on his life. As at the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales, the congregation sang *Cwm Rhondda*. There was a certain Welshness about Enoch, certainly as a speaker with his rather high-pitched voice. Powell, Lloyd George and Bevan have been among the most powerful orators of the 20th century. All had this almost haunting Welsh quality. One line from *Cwm Rhondda*, "I am weak but thou art mighty", rang through the readings and other hymns; Enoch's Christianity had an insight into the power of God.

One of his daughters, Susan Day, read the passage from Ecclesiastes, "A time to every purpose under Heaven, a time to be born and a time to die." She read it remarkably well, forthright and with strength, very much her father's daughter. I was not sure whether I detected the slight Midland flattening of some vowel sounds which had been more noticeable in Enoch's elocution. "A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace . . . I have seen the travail, which God has given to the sons of men to be exercised in it."

It seemed to me that Newman's hymn, *Lead, Kindly Light*, was the clearest statement of Enoch on Enoch. The second verse contains Newman's rejection of his own earlier intellectual pride:

> I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
> Should lead me on;
> I loved to choose and see my path; but now
> Lead thou me on.
> I love the garish day, and, spite of fears,
> Pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

Often enough congregations sing those words without their having any particular meaning. After all, most people do not "love to choose and see" their path. They are largely content to make their way through life as well as they can, without pretending to choose for themselves. But Enoch was intellectually self-determined to an extraordinary degree. It was his greatest strength and his greatest weakness. It gave him his influence, but it cost him the prospect of power. At the close of his life he seems to have thought, if, as I imagine he did, he chose this hymn, that his pride had indeed ruled his will. For Newman, and therefore for Powell, this is the repentance of a Christian intellectual, but it is the repentance of men of powerful intellect and powerful ideas. Both Newman and Powell became humbler as they got older.

One could not attend this funeral without realising how fully alive Enoch Powell's ideas still are. The taxi-driver who took me to St Margaret's was one of his keen supporters on immigration: "He was right," he said. Those who were present at the funeral service, and those who stayed away, were defined by those ideas, and the sympathy or reprobation that they felt for one or other of them. Even those unnamed prelates who were reported as clucking uneasily over Enoch being allowed to spend the night in Westminster Abbey, showed their recognition that his ideas are still important. The last dispute over someone thought to be unsuitable to lie in the abbey was in 1730, when similar clerics thought the Jerusalem Chamber would be sullied by Anne Oldfield, the great comic actress. She, at least, had two sons by "partners" who never became her husbands; one of the boys was a Churchill, the great nephew of the Duke of Marlborough. It was Enoch's irregular ideas rather than irregular offspring which worried the modern bishops.

St Margaret's was as full as I've ever seen it, yet many people who had known Enoch well were not present because he had outlived them. He was an emotional man and the memory of his comrades who died in the Second World War brought tears to his eyes. In the most personally revealing of the many interviews he gave, to Anne Brown on BBC Radio in 1986, he spoke of "the guilt of the soldier who survives". In that interview he said that until sometime in 1944 he had assumed that he would be killed during the war. But he said something more than that. Anne Brown asked him: "How would you like to be remembered?" Enoch replied: "I should like to have been killed in the war."

He seems to have felt at least a similar tenderness towards the death of his early political colleagues. In 1979 he wrote a newspaper tribute to Reginald Maudling. That starts in a rather similar way: "In those early days of 1946 there were the three of us in the big first-floor room at 24 Wilton Street, the Conservative Party Parliamentary Secretariat. One is left. First Ian Macleod departed; and now Reggie Maudling is gone." I did not see many signs of the more recent Conservative Establishment at the funeral, though Lord Parkinson was there, looking, as he always does, like a startled schoolboy with white hair. By the time of their deaths, both Macleod and Maudling had parted politically from Enoch; neither of them did, or could, support his 1968 "Rivers of blood" speech. But those who refer back to that period, and particularly those who regard Macleod as their inspiration, should recognise that, had they not gone first, both Ian and Reggie would certainly have been in St Margaret's yesterday. Both in his ideas and in his personality Enoch was a historic man.

In a bleak midwinter muddle

Not only skiers miss our snow, says

Magnus Linklater

I learnt to ski in the Cairngorms in the days when boots were strapped on with leather bindings, and tractors dragged hardy enthusiasts to the top of a mist-shrouded piste, leaving them to hurtle down uncharted slopes. There was another difference in those days: we had snow. It is sometimes hard to remember the stuff. Standing on a Scottish hillside in shirtsleeves last weekend, with a warm breeze on my face, spring flowers peeping through new grass, and the scent of spring in the air, it was hard to realise that this was February. Thomas Hardy's mouth, "When Frost was spectre-gray/And Winter's dress made desolate/The weakening eye of day". Winter? It seems to have been abolished. It's a depressing thought.

This week, they cancelled the Europa Cup alpine ski finals, which were due to be held in Scotland for the first time. You can't have a downhill race on heather; well, I suppose you can, but it would be significantly slower. The event will now be held in Italy, and Britain may not be able to vie for it again for another six years. The ski resorts are in despair. An industry, built up over a generation, is contemplating its worst season. Cairngorm, which reckons to have about 200,000 skiers spending a day on the slopes in a good year, has so far registered only 23,000. At Glencoe, where the Nevis Range centre expects 2,000 skiers a weekend, there are now only walkers.

The Winter Olympics in Japan thus makes painful viewing. It is not just the agony of seeing British women curlers cruelly robbed of victory by a single point just as we had learnt the finer points about "ends" and "sweeping" and were prepared to embrace a new national sport. It is not just the sobbing of Japanese ski-jumpers pushing themselves to unimaginable limits from terrifying heights. Or the bone-breaking falls at immense speed on the slalom. It is the sight of all that snow. Even the Duchess of York has enough of it in Verbier to fall and crack her shoulder.

Must we, then, adjust to the notion of a permanently sub-Mediterranean climate, a vague muddle of seasons between November and March, when damp autumns give way to a rain-drenched pre-spring, distinguished only from the real thing by the occasional winter gale? Hamish Swan, the phlegmatic chairman of the Cairngorm Chairlift Company, prefers to take the longer view, remembering predictions in the 1960s about a new ice age in Britain — predictions that have yet to be realised. He concedes that global warming may indeed have given us a string of warmer winters, but prefers to emphasise evidence that may point a different way. The Gulf Stream, he says, is being pushed further south, and in 20 years or so we may be experiencing long cold winters and sub-Arctic conditions. It's just a question of waiting. "These green winters are nothing new," he says, "they're just another blip."

One man's blip, however, is another man's Seasonal Afflictive Disorder. A farming friend shakes his head sadly as he contemplates the disappearance of that cleansing period when hard frosts kill off lingering bugs, and a blanket of snow wraps the soil in its annual winter garment. He calls it "giving the earth a well-earned rest". In warm winters aphids survive, to cause havoc on early plants, inviting yet more spraying and yet more chemicals poured into the ground. Cattle, paradoxically, tend to go down with pneumonia when the climate is mild. "It's a fact that animals do better in cold weather," he observed. Some farmers in the Scottish Borders have started their spring drilling already — traditionally, it is a March activity. And though this means an earlier harvest, there is some foreboding about the possibility of an unexpected frost which could yet kill off the early crops. "We're all looking over our shoulders," remarked my farming friend gloomily.

For the rest of us, the death of winter has less tangible effects. Instead of complaints about slush or sleet, the warmth seems to have been turned into a new source of discontent. "Verra mild for the time of year" has become the standard taxi-driver's comment up here, passed on more as a lament than a cause for satisfaction. The distant memory of glistening snow and frosted window-panes has induced a vague melancholy, the sadness one experiences over something lost. If this goes on too long, it may turn us all into a nation of malcontents, suffering from something we may have to find a name for — perhaps Wad, Winter Absence Depression. We may have complained about winters in the past. We now realise it's far worse without them.

It is important, however, to remain optimistic. I commend the remark made to me the other day by an Aberdeenshire councillor, in whose authority the Glenshee ski resort lies. He was agreeing that it had been a disastrous season — the snow had disappeared, and with it the thousands of visitors who bring much-needed revenue. "Aye, it's been bad," he said. "Mind you, they've had no problem at all with access."

Altar egos

THE TIMES DIARY

ST PAUL'S Cathedral, which withstood Hitler's bombs so magnificently, is to deliver a posthumous snub to the man who led us through the Blitz, Churchill. Senior figures want to build a grandiose and controversial altar on the spot where the wartime Prime Minister lay in state, covering the beautiful brass plaque dedicated to him. His coffin stood in front of the altar on January 30, 1965, to enable the nation to show its gratitude before his burial at Bladon. The news, I gather, has not gone down too well with the Churchills. Yellow sticky tape tackily — and ominously — marks where the vast new altar will sit, covering a large stretch of marble floor. "His brass is not sacrosanct, so it could become something else entirely," suggests John Haliburton, Chancellor of St Paul's. "We will mark the spot even though it is covered."



Last stand: Churchill vs St Paul's

While parishioners are sympathetic to the idea of redesigning some of the cathedral to lend it a more intimate atmosphere, some feel that it is unacceptable to tamper with the memory of Churchill. "There are some strong feelings about this," says one closely associated with St Paul's. "If it wasn't for Churchill, the cathedral probably would not be standing." Opponents have won the support of Sir Winston's granddaughter, the delightful Celia Sandys: "As a notion it is a strange one. I can't understand why they would cover it up. I haven't been to St Paul's since the funeral, but it must have been one of the biggest events in the cathedral's history."

● *UNLIKELY friends. Keith Allen, the unpredictable* Shallow Grave *actor, will soon come face-to-face with another bad boy — General Manuel Noriega, the former ruler of Panama. Allen will play old pineapple face in a West End play,* The Archbishop and the General, *set in the Vatican embassy in Panama on the night Noriega surrendered to the Americans. Allen is travelling to the jail where Noriega is serving a 40-year sentence for drug-dealing. Leonard Nimoy — Mr Spock in* Star Trek *— will play the Archbishop.*

Damp prospect

POOR John Prescott. He has never had much time for the Millennium Dome. Now Chumbawamba, who doused him with a bucket of water recently, has been lined up for a concert to open the millennium jamboree, in front of the Queen. The invitation, I suspect, was made before the group's cheap stunt at the Brit Awards. I am confident that nice Peter Mandelson will withdraw the invitation in deference to his good friend and senior, Prescott. The secretive New Millennium Experience Company believes that the offer was "not official". "The Spice Girls have asked to play," says a hard hat.

● *SHE was considered the most beautiful of all Blair's Babes, but have the strains of political and married life taken the gloss from the lovely Yvette Cooper? After a recent burglary at her Yorkshire home, a policeman ignored the 28-year-old MP and turned to her husband, Ed Balls, Gordon Brown's adviser. "The MP lives here, doesn't she?" the officer ventured, before pointing at Yvette. "Could your mother help?" Even more insulting was the discerning taste of the thieves. They went through all the couple's CDs but decided none were quite the thing.*



"Roll'em!"

Spaced out

LEMBIT OPIK MP is in trouble with the space police after attempting to enlighten Welsh children about astronomy. Opik made a space rocket out of plastic, prompting The Directorate of Airspace Policy to complain, claiming that the model could endanger commercial traffic. "They must be mad," says the MP. "They think I plan to fly it without a licence. It would fly as high as I can throw it and I refuse to remove it."

● *MARIA JOAO PIRES, celebrated piano virtuoso, has tired of noisy audiences. At a gala concert in Lisbon the other night, she was unsettled by the incessant bleeping of phones, including that of Portugal's President. Halting her rendition of a Beethoven Piano Sonata, she told the crowd she was refusing to continue. Innocent listeners responded with hearty applause.*

Picture perfect

A FAVOURITE painting of Charles Dodgson — alias Lewis Carroll, author of *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* — is to fall under the hammer of Christie's. *The Lilac Girl*, depicting the 12-year-old Elizabeth Turnbull, was painted by Sophie Anderson and bought by Dodgson in 1865. "I bought a picture of a child's head in profile," he recorded, "a beautiful child. I intend taking a photograph in the same attitude." Guide price? A snip at £18,000.

JASPER GERARD



Lilac girl: up for sale

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TIME TO DELIVER

Frank Field oulines a Long March for welfare reform

The Government, in its anxiety to explain why squalls and feuds have occupied public attention, has coined an ugly but apposite phrase to define this peculiar period in its life, neither honeymoon nor mid-term. We are, ministers argue, in the "post-euphoria, pre-delivery" stage. To no one does the phrase apply more aptly than Frank Field, the Minister for Welfare Reform. The delight inspired by his appointment spread far beyond Birkenhead and Labour's back benches, indeed many of those most pleased by his taking office were very distant from both. The price of these high opinions has been high expectations, and last night Mr Field tried to manage them with a lecture in memory of William Beveridge designed to restore perspective to the welfare debate.

Unlike many ministers, Mr Field came to office equipped to deliver, but he has been denied the chance to do so as quickly as he would like. Charged with preparing a Green Paper on Welfare Reform, he had finished by last September, but has had to wait for Whitehall concerns and Treasury budgets to be addressed. Mr Field has, while he awaits unmuzzling, been preparing the nursery for the birth of his brainchild by outlining in a series of speeches the principles which have guided him. Last night's lecture was the last of these and is the clearest guide so far to the radical limit of the Government's ambitions.

William Hague has said that welfare reform could be new Labour's Vietnam but Mr Field outlined a strategy which is nearer to the Long March. The changes he considers necessary could take 15 years to implement, just as, although he was careful not to make the comparison himself, the Tories needed a lengthy turn at the helm to convert Britain to an enterprise society. The direction in which Mr Field wishes to go is clear enough. Welfare reform should not be seen as a Treasury-driven exercise with tax cuts as the prize, there will be no welfare "dividend" to be disbursed as there was with the privatisation of nationalised industries.

A smaller role for the State does not mean a rise in the discretionary income of the middle classes. Although ministers are not going to "unroll an endless carpet of government benefit" it is necessary to appreciate that "the welfare budget will increase". The burden will fall increasingly on individuals and the Government will, in future be more regulator than provider.

The move to individual provision of social insurance should not be seen, however, as a burden but a liberation, freeing citizens from reliance on future political decisions and encouraging independence. As Mr Field puts it, "part of the good life itself and not merely a means to that end". Seen in that light the fears of those who discern no winners, only losers, in welfare reform can be considered the natural, but misplaced, concerns of the grasshopper encouraged to become an ant.

Mr Field's ambitions for the welfare state are those of a reformer in the Beveridge mould, anxious to recast perceptions of what the proper role of the State should be. The minister was at pains last night to emphasise that the peculiar circumstances of the postwar world allowed Beveridge to present his proposals as a "mega bang" and this Government is inclined to proceed in an altogether more Fabian fashion, step-by-step. Yet, as he argued, the absence of a "big bang" does not mean there is no big picture. Extending the reach of the State, as Beveridge did, can be accomplished altogether more quickly than having individuals take over its responsibilities. Mr Field needs time to deliver. Then there will be time to consider if euphoria is appropriate.

SOUTH SEA BUBBLE

Indonesia must not commit larceny at the IMF's expense

Indonesia's President Suharto has acted with reckless disregard for his country's interests in provoking a trial of strength with the International Monetary Fund. He has presented a plan to introduce a "currency board", which might double the value of the rupiah overnight, as an ingenious technical reform that would stabilise the economy. It could end up instead as a mechanism for bankrupting Indonesia, while siphoning much of the IMF's $43 billion rescue package into the pockets of the Suharto family and its business cronies.

Properly conceived and executed, currency boards can sometimes aid financial stability. They work by requiring all local currency to be backed by its equivalent in foreign exchange; if demand for money is too high it is automatically restricted by a very sharp rise in local interest rates. Superficially, the case for taking interest rates out of the hands of the Indonesian Government might seem seductive. The 80 per cent drop in the rupiah since July has rendered three-quarters of the private sector technically insolvent. A currency board might in theory break this vicious cycle.

Retorting that the medicine would kill the patient, Michel Camdessus, the IMF's director, has said that the IMF would suspend its rescue package if the plan went ahead. He is right. A currency board would be worse than pointless without the banking reforms agreed with the IMF in January. Mr Suharto would simply be using the IMF billions to give artificial and temporary support to the rupiah, which would probably collapse once the IMF money ran out.

The question is why Mr Suharto is bent on this perilous course; the answer, which the IMF cannot give, is that although most Indonesians would suffer cruelly, some could make fortunes. While the IMF cash lasted, the President's associates could rapidly turn their surplus rupiahs into dollars at the inflated "fixed"rate. Once enough money had been siphoned out of the country, the currency board and the rupiah could be allowed to collapse. This organised larceny would be financed by the taxpayers of the outside world.

Mr Suharto's political calculation may be that the leading economic powers will let him have the money for fear of a chaotic collapse of his regime. They must do no such thing. M Camdessus's stance has the support of the IMF board, forceful personal backing from President Clinton and, so far, unanimous approval from the European Union. But backsliding is not inconceivable.

In Jakarta yesterday Theo Waigel, the German Finance Minister, basked in the self-selected role of soft cop, a role perhaps influenced by the fact that German banks are the second biggest lenders to Indonesia after Japan. This is a dangerous game.

The IMF's tough line may temporarily heighten the risk of political instability. But the roots of that instability lie in the nature of the worn-out Suharto regime. The IMF must have wholehearted support, private as well as public, from all European governments. The latter-day South Sea Bubble proposed by Mr Suharto would wreck Indonesia's prospects of recovery. Worse, it would aggravate the Asian crisis by undermining the essence of the IMF's policy advice. When the IMF lends to a country, it is not just by its money but by its credibility, that it restores financial confidence. The IMF's credibility is an asset of proven value to the global financial system. It must not be dissipated on President Suharto's ill-conceived and potentially corrupt plan.

PROUD TO BE POPPADUM

Indian waiters have grown as native to Britain as Beefeaters

Like members of older professions, Indian waiters come in different shapes and moods, though not always as soon as you want them. Since curry has become the British national dish, there are now as many types of waiter as there are lady's fingers in their sauces. So *Tandoori* magazine, the Vedas of Indian cuisine, is generalising when it castigates Indian waiters for being miserable.

For the British curry shop has become more sophisticated. Some Taj Mahals now offer nouvelle Indian cuisine and growths from the slopes of the Himalayas that are indistinguishable from wines from harder drinking members of the Commonwealth. The curry restaurant has replaced the pub as local rendezvous when everything else has closed. And now there are coriander and subtler spices on the menu as well as chilli and mango chutney. House red no longer means hot sauce. The range of choice for British curry-eaters is as wide as the foods of the sub-continent. It runs from the mild fruit and flavours of Kashmir to the red-hot spices of the deep south that make the brow rain sweat. Some even serve Anglo-Indian curry of the memsahibs for tiffin in the club, with excess chopped banana and sultanas.

And if some Indian waiters look miserable, they may have good reason. New arrivals can be experiencing a cultural and climatic shock as violent as that experienced by the Roman legions peering over Hadrian's Wall at the driving Scotch mist and the revolting Caledonians. More than three-quarters of "Indian" restaurants and waiters are Bangladeshi. Though a recent move by the trade to correct this misapprehension by renaming them was prudently defeated. If you already have a vindaloo that works, don't pour chilli sauce on it.

There is probably not much fun in the nightly routine of the small town curry restaurant. For in between the early carry-out take-aways and the arrival of the rugby club shouting for pints of lager after the pubs close, there may be nothing to do other than gaze at the flock wallpaper and listen to the jangle of ethnic music. Or when asked, "Will my onion bahji be long?", having to reply, "No, sir, it will be round." Some of the Anglo-Saxon curry dishes themselves are as alien as the American invention of chop suey is to traditional Mandarin cooking. In British curry, vindaloo is the macho ordeal by fire for young men eating badly. At home in Goa it is a mild mixture of spices with Portuguese wine. Chicken Madras is a dish unknown through the length and breadth of India. Most Indians eat rice with gravy, without the unholy mixture of prawn and other unidentifiable meats of English curry.

So solemnity is appropriate in the British Indian restaurant. Most of the customers are following the English ritual of eating their food morosely and in silence. If they want inane remarks and constant interruption with a giant pepperpot they can go to an Italian restaurant. Indian waiters in Britain should be glad to be glum. They have become as much a part of the British way of life as Beefeaters, cabbies and barmaids.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Excuses time on tax self assessment

From the Presidents of the Chartered Institute of Taxation and of the Association of Taxation Technicians

Sir, As the presidents of the two leading professional bodies for specialist tax advisers we are pausing for breath after the traumas of self assessment and before the Budget on March 17.

There has been much Inland Revenue rejoicing about the "success" of self assessment. It wasn't the Inland Revenue that submitted eight million returns on time, it was taxpayers and their advisers. Therefore insufficient praise has been heaped upon the humble taxpayer who successfully struggled alone with the jargon of the tax man and the fiendish complexity of the tax calculation pages. Similarly, the tax advisers who worked every evening and weekend since Christmas to ensure that their clients' returns met the deadline deserve great credit.

Some of the Inland Revenue procedures this time did not help the process, and we shall be producing our "wish list" for 1998 shortly. The Inland Revenue staff, who also struggled manfully, with seemingly inadequate resources, would also want to see changes.

But before this year's self assessment cycle is over we have the problem of £100 penalties, which will be issued in the next two weeks to as many as 800,000 people who have failed to comply.

We have consistently called for a light touch from the Inland Revenue in relation to this first year. They have the scope to be lenient under their powers to waive penalties if the taxpayer has "a reasonable excuse". We will regard self assessment as an Inland Revenue success if those who have tried hard, but failed, do not have to pay a penalty.

We would encourage them to appeal to the Inland Revenue, setting out why they had a problem. If their appeal is turned down and they still feel aggrieved, I hope that they will write to us. We shall be monitoring the Inland Revenue's operation of "reasonable excuse".

Yours sincerely,
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Conduct of judges

From Mr Vincent Hale

Sir, A frightening aspect of your report of the resignation of Mr Justice Harman (February 14) is that there are barristers in current practice who think it acceptable for a judge to be "a real sod when he feels like it", which apparently includes being appallingly rude to witnesses, who are unable to defend themselves, and being nasty to women barristers in particular.

In my 52 years' experience, Harman was not unique. Add the sort of delay which is common in other branches of the legal profession and you have a recipe for the death of the system which no amount of "usually" getting it "right in the end" can justify. "Usually" is to be expected as a matter of course — not to be applauded.

Those same barristers who are tolerant of such behaviour are in many cases the judges of the future. It is time that the conduct of such judges (thankfully not in the majority but still numerous) was regulated by "referee reports".

Coming from the legal profession as a whole, these could be expected to be even-handed, and not to amount to an attempt to influence judges for or against any identifiable class of litigant.

Influence in favour of acceptable standards of courtesy and efficiency would not be a bad thing.

Yours, with no judicial aspirations,
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From Dr J. M. Walmsley

Sir, How right you are (leading article, February 14) to urge that the exceptional case of Mr Justice Harman's departure should not set a precedent. Whatever criticisms there may have been of some of his earlier judgments, few in a position to do so would fail to emulate his unchallengeable decision to resign and to retire on what you report will be a "full pension of £56,000 a year".

It is not clear from your report whether the Government, or (preferably) the legal profession acting independently of the legislature, has powers to reduce, phase or delay such payments should any similar cases occur in future. Surely natural justice demands that such payment from the public purse, regardless of the circumstances, should not be taken as a binding precedent.

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Financial restraints take toll of NHS

From the Vice-President of the Hospital Consultants and Specialists Association

Sir, Among the factors which Alan Langlands, chief executive of the NHS Management Executive, blames for the "things that go wrong" in the NHS are "high staff turnover, changes in the organisation . . . and lack of detailed monitoring procedures for more serious complaints investigated by the Ombudsman" (report, February 11). I suggest that the real reasons for the tremendous shortcomings of the NHS lie far deeper than any of these things, and that it is the years of financial restraint in capital and revenue expenditure which have finally started to take their toll on the dedicated, hard-working staff of the service.

The 1990 *Working for Patients* White Paper appeared to promise hope of increased freedom to raise capital for better hospitals, better facilities and more expert staff where needed. In the event Treasury controls, both under Conservative and now new Labour administrations, have strangled these hopes. The Treasury seems to have a hidden restriction that no more than 6 per cent of GDP may be spent on state healthcare.

As a consequence we do not have enough NHS hospital beds to care for those requiring emergency admission nor enough high-grade doctors in many key specialities, such as anaesthetics, paediatrics, psychiatry, to provide the quality of medical and surgical care our public expect and are entitled to receive at the end of the 20th century.

Not least of all the restraints was the recent further reduction in the pay awards to all staff in the NHS, among other public service workers. The history of our review bodies shows that they maintain salaries in relation to the cost of living but fail to match the rise in the standard of living of those employed in the private sector. Those on salaries below the national average, such as many nurses, can now find better pay or working conditions as check-out staff in supermarkets. Forty per cent of nurses leave the NHS on qualification. Nearly 40 per cent of UK medical students decide eventually not to work in the NHS.

Unless the Treasury reviews its attitude to UK healthcare expenditure, the service in the NHS can only deteriorate further. For those of us who have worked for 40 years propping up the NHS it is a sad end.

Yours sincerely,
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February 12.

Iraq: diplomacy and military action

From Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon

Sir, I agree essentially with Lord Owen's conclusions on how to deal with Saddam Hussein (article, February 17), but less so with his interpretation of Nato air attacks against the Bosnian Serbs.

Certainly "it was not Nato air attacks alone that made the Bosnian Serbs sue for peace in September 1995"; it was the combination of land and air action and the muscular diplomacy of the time. But let there be no doubt that it was the air campaign that was decisive. It "paved the way for the Dayton accord", wrote Lord Renwick of Clifton (article, February 16), and, as British Ambassador to the US at the time, he should know. This was also the view of Admiral Leighton Smith, Nato's regional commander.

I am sure that Lord Owen, on reflection, would recognise that without the air attacks pursued with vigour and precision (no recorded collateral damage) the likelihood is that the impasse would have continued. There are clear lessons here, I suggest, for the UN in dealing with Saddam today.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr R. B. Skepper

Sir, In their letter today the Reverend John Johansen-Berg and others state that there is no "international consensus" for military action against Saddam. Equally, there is no international consensus to permit Saddam to build up or use his arsenal of lethal weapons. But that will not stop him.

The problem with achieving international consensus, as was seen with the League of Nations before the war and the UN so often since the war, is that the potential aggressor is almost never stopped in time. Indeed, without firm leadership by the US and Nato in 1990, we might have waited for ever for international consensus and Saddam would now be astride half the world's oil reserves and probably have nuclear weapons as well.

Military force, which is diplomacy by other means, has to be resorted to when a potential aggressor persistently defies international treaties and agreements, as does Saddam Hussein.

Yours faithfully,
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From Lord Kennet

Sir, Contrary to your report today of my speech yesterday in the House of Lords, I did not oppose military action: I opposed its being taken on the basis of Security Council resolutions several years old.

A practical way out of the difficulty would be if our Government, or more likely some other one, now asked the International Court of Justice for an urgent ruling on the sufficiency of these resolutions to justify war.

Yours etc,
WAYLAND KENNET,
House of Lords.
February 18.

Powell remembered

From Mr Quentin Crewe

Sir, Apart from showing little compassion or charity, those bigoted politicians and blinkered prelates who want to exclude the late Enoch Powell from the Abbey reveal a sad lack of real understanding of Powell's true nature (letters, February 12, 14, 17).

Dining one evening many years ago with General Cariappa, India's first field marshal after independence, he told me that Powell was his dearest English friend. Towards the end of the war they were both attending a military conference in Poona. The British officers were staying at the Poona Club. Powell asked where General Cariappa was. He was told that, as an Indian, he was not allowed into the club so was staying at a hotel in town. Powell insisted on leaving the club and joining Cariappa in his hotel.

Years later, when he was in a position of power, Powell arranged for Cariappa to be invited on an official visit to Britain, when he was presented to the Queen, met Mountbatten and all the senior military officials.

Powell was no racist, but a man with an unhappy vision.

Yours faithfully,
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What a liberty

From Mr W. M. Lindsell

Sir, As I am over 65 and live in London, I have been privileged to hold for some years a "travel permit" issued by London Transport, which allows me almost unlimited free travel on public transport in the capital after 9am.

On renewing my permit at the Post Office today, I was astounded to find that it had been rechristened with the slightly ludicrous title "freedom pass".

Surely the issuing authority should, in these days of new Labour, have gone the whole hog and called it a "people's freedom pass".

Yours faithfully,
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The village shop

From Mr John Lees

Sir, It is not quite all doom and gloom for the survival of shops in England's villages (report, February 12).

For three years now, this village of 220 people has been running its own general shop and Post Office, entirely staffed by volunteers. The effect has been dramatic — from being a dead community, the village is now vibrant and cheerful.

However, our success has revealed the obvious — to run such an enterprise in a small village is a commercial non-starter.

Whilst we have no labour costs, no business rates (we operate as a friendly society) and minimal corporation tax to pay, our profits on a normal "mark-up" are scarcely enough to keep one body and soul together, let alone a couple or a family.

I am pleased to report that other villages in this area are starting to follow our example.

Yours etc,
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February 15.

Home delivery

From Mr Peter B. Brown

Sir, Even in the 1950s, when we lived in Cumbria (or North Lancashire as it then was), a grocer from Ulverston, seven miles away, would call every Wednesday to take our order, which would be delivered the following day (letter, February 16).

He would sit in the kitchen while my wife gave him the order and, before departing, he would invariably say: "And anything else I can get you from town, Mrs Brown?"

Yours faithfully,
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Hostile grilling by select committee

From Vice-Admiral Sir John Lea

Sir, Your report of the grilling of Sir John Kerr by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee (February 12) brought back unpleasant memories for me.

Twenty years ago I was summoned before the Defence Select Committee along with my fellow Directors General in the Army and RAF, and a Deputy Secretary. Unlike Sir John Kerr we were not being probed about any departmental wrongdoing, but our treatment was both unmannerly and discourteous. We had to enter Parliament by a back staircase and were then kept waiting for half an hour beyond the scheduled starting time in a passage with no chairs and nobody to greet us. When we finally met the committee there was no apology or explanation for the delay.

The chairman was hostile though waspishly courteous and seemed to have made some attempt to learn about the subject under discussion — Service manpower problems. The rest of his committee appeared to be ignorant of the subject. Their questions were ill-informed and offensively and belligerently put.

We were depressed to think that such bad mannered people could have a hand in our governance and we concluded that their arrogance must have been due to the cloistered and self-congratulatory atmosphere in which they worked. Reports in the papers and on television of select committee and PAC proceedings during the past 20 years seem to show that nothing has changed.

I commiserate with Sir John Kerr and congratulate him on his courtesy, which seems to have been in such marked contrast to his questioners.

Yours sincerely,
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Funds for 'Full Monty'

From Mr Uberto Pasolini

Sir, Although I sympathise with some of the points made by Mark Andrews in his article on funding the British film industry (Media Times, February 13), he is wrong to state that *The Full Monty* was "rejected for funding by both the Arts Council and Channel 4".

At no point during the development or the production of *The Full Monty* was an application made to the Arts Council for funding. Furthermore Channel 4, in the person of David Aukin, then Head of Drama, not only funded the development of the script but also offered significant production finance against UK rights. We did not take advantage of Channel 4's funding offer as this would have conflicted with the UK strategy of the principal financiers, Fox Searchlight Pictures Inc.

In order to address the problems of the British film industry it is essential that both its strengths and weaknesses are correctly understood, analysed and reported. The work done by the Arts Council and by Channel 4 has been, in different ways, of vital importance to industry, and any change in their modus operandi should be considered only in the light of a clear understanding of the facts.

Yours faithfully,
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Collision course

From Mrs Grace A. Sharp

Sir, About 1930, after years at the helm in his seagoing career, my father learnt to drive (letters, February 7, 12, 16). There was no ambiguity about an instruction from his mentor to turn left, but knowing which way to turn the wheel posed a serious problem.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Mike Johnson

Sir, It seems to me that, whilst not particularly nautical, "Left hand down a lot" would be difficult to misconstrue.

Yours faithfully,
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Bovine co-operation

From Dr J. E. Roulston

Sir, Reading of the absurd attempts to prosecute Mr Jim Sutherland for serving beef on the bone (report, February 13), I wonder how far this Government is prepared to go in "protecting our health" (ie, appeasing Europe). I am beginning to suspect that Mr Blair's Cabinet have collectively had their backbones removed, but sadly too late to prevent madness.

Yours faithfully,
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February 13.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 18: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Fellow, this evening attended a book launch at the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London NW1.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were represented by Lieutenant Colonel the Lord Charteris of Amisfield at the Funeral of the Rt Hon Enoch Powell (a former Cabinet Minister) which was held in St Margaret's Church Westminster Abbey this morning.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 18: The Princess Royal, President, National Riding Week, this morning attended a Press Conference at Knightsbridge Barracks, London SW7.

Her Royal Highness, President, Animal Health Trust, later gave a Lunch at Buckingham Palace.

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, President, Animal Health Trust, accompanied by Captain Timothy Laurence RN, this evening attended a Building Industry Dinner at the Dorchester Hotel, Park Lane, London W1.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 18: The Duke of Kent this evening attended a book launch at the Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London NW1.

His Royal Highness, President-in-Chief, the British Racing Drivers' Club, later attended a Dinner at the Royal Automobile Club, Pall Mall, London SW1.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open the five millionth home built under the National House Building Council scheme at King Edward's Road, Hackney, London E9, at 3.00.

The Princess Royal as president of patrons, Crime Concern, will open the conference "Saturday Night Fever" at the Conference Forum, Sedgewick Centre, London E1, at 9.45; will open Lansbury Lodge Project, 117 Ricardo Street, London E14, at 11.10; as patron, National Autistic Society, will officially open their new Head Office at 393, City Road, London EC1, at 2.00. Later, she will attend a reception for Transaid at the RAC Club, at 5.00; and as president, Save the Children Fund, will attend a dinner to launch the fund's year as the adopted charity of the Institute of Directors, at Leeds Castle, Maidstone, at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent, patron, Hanover Band, will attend a concert, at the Wigmore Hall, at 7.25.

Lectures

Plumbers' Company
Mr John Roberts, Chief Executive of SWALEC, delivered the Plumbers' Company annual lecture, in conjunction with the Institution of Electrical Engineers' Power Division, held last night at the IEE Headquarters, Savoy Place. Mr Ian Byatt, Director General of OFWAT, also spoke.

Royal Over-Seas League
Ms A.L. Kennedy was the speaker at the first of the Royal Over-Seas League's 1998 series of literary lectures held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Dominic Gregory presided.

Christopher Holborow

A memorial service for Christopher Holborow, OBE, TD, MD, FRCS, will be held at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, London, on Tuesday, February 24, at 11.30am.

Dr Claire Dicks-Mireaux

A service of commemoration for Dr Claire Dicks-Mireaux, consultant paediatric radiologist at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, will be held in the Church of St George the Martyr, Queen Square, London, WC1 at 2.30pm on Friday, March 27, 1998. All are welcome.

Luncheon

The Pilgrims
Sir John Kerr, Permanent Under Secretary of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Head of the Diplomatic Service, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of The Pilgrims, held yesterday at the Berkeley Hotel. Mr Robert M. Worcester, chairman, presided. Sir Michael Palliser also spoke.
Among others present were:
The Right Rev Dr David Say, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, Lord Chalfont, Lord Greenhill of Harrow, Lord Hacking, Sir Christopher Staughton, the Hon Sir Peter Ramsbotham, Sir Cecil Burney, Sir John Graham, Sir James Harvie-Watt, Sir Richard Lloyd, Sir Antony Acland, Field Marshal Sir John Chapple, Sir Ronald Grierson, Sir Geoffrey Leigh, Sir Peter Marshall, Sir Derek Thomas, Sir Anthony Tuke, Sir Oliver Wright, Mr Robert Bradtke, Mr John Fingleton, Mr J Watcyn Lewis, Mr Christopher Robson, Mr and Mrs Robert Sigmon and Mr Sam Younger.

Funeral service: Mr J. Enoch Powell

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Charteris of Amisfield at the funeral service for Mr J. Enoch Powell, former MP, poet, soldier and biblical scholar, held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated, assisted by the Rev Roger Holloway, who led the prayers. Mrs Susan Day, daughter, and Mr Greville Howard read the lessons.

Mr Richard Ritchie read a poem by A.E. Housman and Lord Biffen gave an address.

The Rev Jonathan Goodall, Sacrist, the Rev Peter Cowell and the Rev Dr Paul Bradshaw, Priest Vicars, were robed and seated in the Sanctuary.

The Speaker was represented by Mr Michael Lord, Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, HM Government by Mr Anthony Worthington, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Northern Ireland Office, the Leader of HM Opposition by Lord Parkinson, Chairman of the Conservative Party, and Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, by Sir Denis Thatcher.

Mr John Major, MP, Mr David Trimble, Leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster and the Lord-Lieutenant of North Yorkshire attended. Among others present were:

Mrs Powell (widow), Mr and Mrs Michael Lavin (son-in-law and daughter), Mr Richard Day (son-in-law), Simon and Rachel Day (grandchildren), Mr Michael Wilson (brother-in-law), Mr and Mrs Ian de Fresnes, Miss J Yates, Mrs Noel Hartle, Mr and Mrs Peter Hartle, Mr and Mrs John Cobbett, Mrs E J Penton, Mr Andrew Penton.

The Marchioness of Salisbury, Viscount Brookeborough, Viscount Cranborne, Lady Biffen, Lord and Lady Boardman, Lord Braine of Wheatley, Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, Lord and Lady Butterworth, Lord Carr of Hadley, Lady Clark of Kempston, Lord Coleraine, Lord Cooke of Islandreagh, Lord Deedes, Lady Drumalbyn, His Honour Lord and Lady Dunboyne, Lord Grantley, Baroness Hooper, Lord and Lady King of Wartnaby.

Lady Marples, Lord and Lady Milner of Leeds, Lord McConnell, Lord Molyneaux of Killead, Lord and Lady Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord and Lady Orr-Ewing, Lord Patten, Baroness Pike, Lord Pym, Lord and Lady Rees-Mogg, Lord and Lady Shaw of Northstead, Lord Shawcross, QC, and Lady Shawcross, Baroness Strange, Lady Thorneycroft, Lord Waddington, QC, Lord Weatherill.

Mr Tony Benn, MP, the Hon Robert Boscawen, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, the Hon Sir Adam Butler, the Hon Alan Clark, MP, Mr John Gummer, MP, Sir Peter Hordern, Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, Mr Peter Lilley, MP, and Mrs Lilley, Mr David Maclean, MP, Sir John Nott, Mr Michael Portillo, Mrs Gillian Shephard, MP, Mr John D Taylor, MP, the Hon William Waldegrave, the Hon Lady Aitken, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Mrs Julian Sandys.

Helen Lady Dudley-Williams, Helen Lady Pickthorn (R S Surtees Society), Sir Robin Williams, Sir Hardy Amies, Lady Bell, Sir Richard Body, MP, and Lady Body, Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, Sir Sydney Chapman, MP, Sir Colin Cole, Sir Douglas and Lady Dodds-Parker, Sir George Gardiner, Sir Philip Goodhart, Sir Anthony and Lady Grant, Sir Ronald Grierson, Sir Michael Grylls.

Lady Kingman, Sir John Lacy, Sir John and Lady Loveridge, Sir Roger Moate, Lady Mott-Radclyffe, Sir Michael and Lady Neubert, Sir Paul and Lady Newall, Sir John and Lady Stokes, Sir Peter Tapsell, MP, Sir Peter and Lady Anne Thorne, Dame Gillian Wagner, Sir John Wells, Sir Jerry Wiggin, Lieutenant-General Sir James Wilson (Colonel, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers).

Mr Eddie Adair, Mr Jim Adair, Mr Jonathan Aitken, Mr Andrew Alexander, Mr David Amiss, MP, Professor William Ballantyne, Dr David Barnes, Mr Roy Beggs, MP, the Rev John Betts, Mr John Bingham, Mr John Bird, Mr Crispin Blunt, MP, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Dr Barry Bracewell-Milnes, Mr M L Brotherton, Mr and Mrs R Brown, Mr Nicholas Budgen, Mr John Carlisle, Dr J P Casey, Mr William Cash, MP, Mr and Mrs Richard Cave, Mr and Mrs J P Charkam.

Mr George Chowdharay-Best, Mr Peter Clarke, Mr and Mrs N Coase, Mr Terry Coleman, Mr Michael Colvin, MP, Mr Richard Cormack, Mr Peter Cropper, Mr and Mrs Matthew d'Ancona, Mr Robin Davies, Mr and Mrs Colin Day, Mr and Mrs Robert Day, Ms Alison Day, Miss Helen Day, Miss Sarah Day, Mr Thomas Day, Mr and Mrs Piers Dixon, Mr Jeffrey Donaldson, MP, and Mrs Donaldson, Mr Iain Duncan Smith, MP, Mr Alan Duncan, MP, Mrs J Easton, Mrs Lyn Eden, Miss P Y Eden, Mr Howard Flight, MP, Mr Clifford Forsythe, MP.

Mr Christopher Gill, MP, and Mrs Gill, Mrs Suzanne Goodhew, Mrs Teresa Gorman, MP, Mrs Donald Gray, Mr Harry Greenway, Mrs Muriel Greenwood, Mrs Harold Hall, Mr Claude Hankes-Drielsma, Mr and Mrs A B C Harrison, Mr David Hart, Mr and Mrs R Hatfield, Mr John Hayes, MP, Mr and Mrs Simon Heffer, Dr Michael Hinton, Mr and Mrs Philip Hocking, Mrs Greville Howard, Ms Annabel Howard, Mr Charlie Howard, Mr Thomas Howard, Mr Gerald Howarth, MP, and Mrs Howarth, Mrs Irene Holdstock, Dr and Mrs Trevor Hudson.

Miss Clare Hudson, Mr Andrew Hunter, MP, Mr Robert Jackson, MP, Mr Peter Jennings, Mr Michael Johnstone, Mr Frank King, Mrs Eleanor Laing, MP, Mrs Celina Lamacho, Mr and Mrs D Lauder, Mr Edward Leigh, MP, Mr Robert Mackenzie, Mr Andrew Mackay, MP, and Ms Julie Kirkbridge, MP, Mr Michael Mates, MP, Mr Ken Maginnis, MP, Mr Edward McGrady, MP, Mr David Morgan, Mr John Muggeridge, Mrs Martin Neary, Dr John L Needham, Major-General and Mrs C A R Nevill, Captain J W G Newall, Mr and Mrs Ralph Newman, Mr David Nicholson.

Ms Anne Norman-Butler, Mr Owen Paterson, MP, Mrs Nicholas Peto, Mr Charles Ponsonby, Commander F N Ponsonby, Mr David Powell, Mr Harvey Proctor, Professor J A Ramsden, Mr and Mrs Norman Reddaway, Mr and Mrs David Reddaway, Mr Andrew Robathan, MP, Mr Laurence Robertson, MP, Mr and Mrs John Robinson, Mr William Ross, MP, Mr Jonathan Sandys, Mr Martin Shaw, Mr Richard Shepherd, MP, Mr Stephen Short, Mr and Mrs Peter Smart, Dr and Mrs Peter Smith, Mr Don Smith.

The Rev Martin Smyth, MP, Rear-Admiral Kenneth Snow, Mr Antony Speller, Mr Peter Spicer, Mr Iain Sproat, Dr Ivor Stanbrook, Mr John Sweetman, Professor J D R Thomas, Mr William Thompson, MP, Mr John Travers Clarke, Mr John Tuohy, Professor Edward Ullendorff, FBA, and Mrs Ullendorff, Mrs T E Utley, Mr and Mrs Charles Utley, Ms Imke Van Hoof, the Rev Basil Watson, Mr and Mrs Michael Way, Mr and Mrs Roger White, Mr J A Wilkinson, MP, Mr and Mrs Paul Williams, Mrs Monica Wilson, Mr Nicholas Winterton, MP, Mr and Mrs Stephen Wright.

Mr J Cunningham (president, Ulster Unionist Party) with Mr Denis Rogan, (chairman), Mr J Wilson and other members of the party; Mr Brian Stock (chairman, Wolverhampton South West Conservative Association) and other members of the association: Mr Gerald Douglas, Mr Edward Keown, Mr Albert Colmer, Mr Ian O'Loan and Mr Craig Sides (South Down Unionist Association), Mr Edward James Attewell (Thurrock Conservative Association), Mr Charles Moore (Editor, The Daily Telegraph), Mr Christopher Hudson (Monday Club), Dr Robert Bethel (Cambridge Society).

Mr Norman Harvey Rogers (Churchill Society) and Mrs Harvey Rogers, the Chief Master of King Edward's School, Birmingham, Mr Russell Evans (London Old Edwardians), Mr Richard Hall and Miss Jane Isaac (Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society), Mr Jim Page (Housman Society), Wing Commander M W Rippen and Major J Radford - (Incorporated Church Building Society), Mrs Joy Page (London and Counties Tenants Federation).

Mr C A A Kilmister and Mrs M Thompson (Prayer Book Society) Mrs M Cave, Mr Robin Cave and Mr Andrew MacHallam (Salisbury Review), Mr Ivan W Pratt (Stroke Association), Mr O W H Clark (Parish Clerks' Company), Ms Susan Cameron (Wycombe Abbey Seniors' Society), Mrs Maureen Fillmore (British Housewives League) and many other friends and former colleagues.

A service was held later at St Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick. Canon David Brindley, Rector of Warwick, officiated. Mrs Jennifer Lavin, daughter, read a lesson and Sir Patrick Cormack, MP, for Staffordshire South, gave an address.



Squadron Leader Andrew Green, driver of the land speed record breaking Thrust SSC car, with the insignia of the CBE he received from the Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday

Memorial meeting

Professor L.C.B. Gower, FBA
A memorial meeting in memory of Professor Laurence Cecil Bartlett (Jim) Gower, FBA, solicitor and Professor Emeritus at London University and at Southampton University, was held yesterday at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Professor Michael Zander, QC, Convener of the Law Department, LSE, presided. Professor J.A.G. Griffith, FBA, Sir Andrew Park, QC, Mr D.A. Schofield and Mr P. Brown paid tribute. Among others present were:

Mrs Gower (widow), Mr and Mrs James Gower and Mr and Mrs Richard Gower (sons and daughters-in-law), Mrs Jennifer Cundy (daughter).

The Hon David Astor, Mrs Justice Arden (chairman, Law Commission), Sir Henry de Waal, QC, Sir Jack Jacob, QC, Mr Justice Jacob, Sir Martin Jacomb, the Vice-Chancellor of Southampton University, the Vice-Chancellor of London University, Mr Philip Bovey (Department of Trade and Industry), Mr Clive Bradley (The Publishers Association), Mr Edward Caldwell (Parliamentary Counsel), Mr Peter Lee (Take-Over Panel), Mr Andrew Whittaker (Financial Services Authority), Mr J M Cartwright-Sharp and many other friends and former colleagues.

Memorial service

Dr Macdonald Critchley
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Dr Macdonald Critchley, neurologist, was held yesterday at the Church of St George the Martyr, London WC1. The Rev Donald Werner officiated, assisted by the Rev Paul Lewis, Chaplain of the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery, Queen Square.

Dr James Toole, President of the World Federation of Neurology, read the lesson and Dr Trevor Hudson read from the works of Abraham Cowley. Professor George Bruyn, Academisch Ziekenhuis Leiden, and Professor Ian McDonald, Institute of Neurology, gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mrs Critchley (widow), Sir Julian Critchley and Mr Nicholas Critchley (sons), Mr Joshua Critchley, Mrs Julie Cleeveley, Miss Susannah Critchley and Mrs Melissa Sellers (grandchildren).

Mr Harold Cleeveley and Mr Jack Cleeveley (great grandsons), Professor Edmund Critchley, Mr Giles Critchley, Dr Hugo Critchley, Dr Mair Critchley, Ms Paula Baron, Ms Prudence Bellak.

Lord and Lady Walton of Detchant, Mr Michael Heseltine, CH, MP, and Mrs Heseltine, Dr William Gooddy, Professor David Marsden, FRS, Dean, Institute of Neurology, Professor Henri Metz, Dr R Hierons, Mr Merlin Holland, Mr John Young, Professor Christopher Kennard (Migraine Trust), Professor Victor Dubowitz (Hammersmith Hospital), colleagues from Kings College Hospital, the National Hospital, the Institute of Neurology and many other friends.

Service dinner

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir John Brigstocke, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, and Lady Brigstocke were the hosts at a dinner held last night in HMS Victory. Among those present were:
The Bishop to HM Forces and Mrs Kirkham, Mr Justice and Lady Butterfield, the Chairman of the Armed Forces Pay Review Body and Lady Houston, the Director of Operations, Paddington Churches Housing Association, the Assistant Chief of the Naval Staff and Mrs Band, the Headmaster of Sedbergh School and Mrs Hirst and Ms P M Aldred.

Dinners

United & Cecil Club
Mr Iain Duncan Smith, MP, was the principal guest at a dinner of the United & Cecil Club held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, chairman of the club, presided. Sir Anthony Garner also spoke.

London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates
Mr F.R. Goodenough, Governor of the London Goodenough Trust for Overseas Graduates, and Major-General T.P. Toyne Sewell, director, received the guests at the annual Education and Science Faculty dinner held last night at Mecklenburgh Square. Sir Neil Cossons, Director of the National Museum of Science and Industry, was the guest speaker.

Church in Wales

Retirements
Diocese of Swansea and Brecon:
The Rev Trevor C. Johns, Vicar of Merthyr Cynog w Garthbrengy w Llandefaelog Fach w Llanfihangel Fechan - 30.4.98.
The Rev Dudley W. White, Vicar of Swansea St Jude - 31.5.98.
The Rev Ernest H. Brown, Chaplain to the Deaf - 31.5.98.
The Rev Chancellor Arthur G. Howells, retires as Rural Dean of Swansea on March 30 and as Vicar of Swansea, St James on June 30.
Canon Geoffrey H. Thomas, Vicar of Oystermouth - 31.7.98.
The Rev John R. Ellis, Rector of Llanelli, (Gilwern) and Rural Dean of Crickhowell - end 1998.

Appointment

Mr Patrick Nash has been appointed Chief Executive of the Teachers' Benevolent Fund.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.B. Bailey and Miss G.L. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr Michael Bailey and of Mrs Bailey, of St Clement, Jersey, and Gemma, daughter of Mr E.M. Edwards, of St Issey, Cornwall, and Mrs Nicola King-Fretts, of North Warnborough, Hampshire.

Mr C. Bjarnested and Miss S. Albrektsen
The engagement is announced between Mr Claus Bjarnested and Miss Sandra Albrektsen, both of Allerød, Copenhagen, Denmark. The marriage will take place in Denmark.

Dr D.W. Derbyshire and Miss C.E. Jones
The engagement is announced between David Wyn, elder son of Professor and Mrs William Derbyshire, of Banbury, Oxon, and Clare Elizabeth, daughter of Mr David Jones, of Clandon, Surrey, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Jones.

Mr A. Flower and Miss E.H. Bedell
The engagement is announced between Antony, son of Mrs Flower and the late Mr Hugh Flower, of Twinstead, Essex, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr Peter Bedell and Mrs Joan Bedell, of Philadelphia, USA.

Mr A.M. Frazer and Miss V.J. Kingston
The engagement is announced between Andrew, only son of Mr and Mrs D.M. Frazer, of Nether Poppleton, York, and Victoria, younger daughter of Mrs William Kingston, of York, and the late Mr W.H.G. Kingston.

Mr J.R.A. Harland Fairweather and Miss R-J. Bridgman Shaw
The engagement is announced between James, son of the late Mr Andrew Harland, of Glastonbury, Somerset, and of Mr and Mrs Charles Fairweather, of Westminster, London, and Rebecca-Jane, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Mark Shaw, of Odell, Bedfordshire.

Mr P.P.A. Huser and Miss K.A. Gethin-Jones
The engagement is announced between Pascal Pierre André, younger son of M and Mme Philippe Huser, of London, and Kate Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Gethin-Jones, also of London.

Mr J.F.B. Napier and Miss M.M. Talbot
The engagement is announced between James, son of Major and Mrs Andrew Napier, of Syleham, Suffolk, and Miranda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Talbot, of Cerne Abbas, Dorset.

Mr C-H.K. Johnson and Mlle G. Dansette
The engagement is announced between Charles-Henri, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Johnson, of Kew, Surrey, and Geraldine, daughter of M and Mme Hubert Dansette, of Jouy-le-Moutier, France.

Mr M.C. MacGregor and Dr S.L. Polhill
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mrs Kathleen MacGregor, of Kensington, London, and Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David Polhill, of East Claydon, Buckingham.

Mr P. Marley and Miss L. Hale
Both families are pleased to announce the engagement of Paul Marley, of Thurnscoe, South Yorkshire, and Lucie Hale, of Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Mr G.K. Page and Miss J.A. Swindell
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Doreen and Terence Page, of Thaxted, Essex, and Julie, daughter of Jean and Maurice Swindell, of Rubery, Birmingham.

Mr J.D. Rees and Miss S.J. North
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs David Rees, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Suzanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs David North, of Bridgnorth, Shropshire.

Mr R. Clifton and Miss E.R.J. Rees
The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Mr B.J.M. Clifton and Lady Limon, and stepson of Sir Donald Limon, of Kingsdon, Somerset, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Rees, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr J.M.X. Smorczewski and Miss V.A.E. Harding
The engagement is announced between Jan, son of Count Ralph Smorczewski and the late Countess Smorczewski, of Kingston, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Harding, of London.

Mr S.J. Welch and Miss S.K. Frampton
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.S. Welch, of Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, and Stella, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.W. Frampton, of Bristol.

Marriage

Mr J.E. Keville and Mrs J.M. Keane
The marriage took place quietly on Tuesday, February 10, at Alton Abbey, between John Keville, of Leigh, Surrey, and Jenifer Keane, of Medstead, Hampshire.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Julius Alexander, Assistant Curate, Offerton St Alban and St John (Chester): Vicar, Upper Holloway Team with special responsibility for St Andrew (London).
The Rev Philip Butcher, Chaplain, King Edward VI School, Norwich (Norwich): to be Vicar, Horsford and Horsham w. Newton St Faith (same diocese).
The Rev Bryn Byrne, Acting Rector, Cloughjordan Group (Limerick and Killaloe): to be Chaplain, Lanzarote St Laurence, Canary Islands (Europe).
The Rev Peter Cornish, Team Vicar, Central Telford (Lichfield): to be Rector, Sturry w Fordwich and Westbere w Hersden (Canterbury).
The Rev Martin Court, Team Vicar, Leicester The Resurrection (Leicester): to be Priest-in-Charge, Scraptoft (same diocese).
The Rev Hitesh Dodhia, Chaplain, HMYOI Glen Parva (Leicester): Chaplain, HMP The Mount (St Albans).
The Rev Dr Karowei Dorgu (SIC), Assistant Curate, Tollington (London): to be Curate (known as Associate Vicar), Upper Holloway with special responsibility for St John (same diocese).
The Rev Peter Gilks, Rector, Abbotts Ann and Upper Clatford and Goodworth Clatford (Winchester): to be Vicar, Boyatt Wood (same diocese).
The Rev Dipen Ghosh, Team Vicar, Wolverhampton St Chad, St Mark's Centre, St Peter (Lichfield): to be half-time Associate Team Vicar, Bushbury, and half-time, Chaplain, Compton Hospice (same diocese).
The Rev David Griffiths, NSM Curate, Thwaites Brow (Bradford): to be Priest-in-Charge, Oakenshaw cum Woodlands (same diocese).
The Rev Susan Griffiths, Assistant Curate, Ingrow cum Hainworth (Bradford): to be Vicar, Wyke St Mary the Virgin (same diocese).
The Rev Douglas Holt, Vicar, Ealing St Mary (London): to be Residentiary Canon at Bristol Cathedral (Bristol).

Retirements and resignations
The Rev John Denny, Rector, Barney, Fulmodeston w Croxton, Hindringham, Thursford, Great and Little Snoring w Kettlestone and Pensthorpe (Norwich) on January 11.
The Rev Peter Langford, Vicar, Seacroft Team with special responsibility for St Richard (Ripon) to retire June 30.

Other appointments
Catherine Cullis has been appointed Director of the Churches Conservation Trust (succeeding Richard Peck who has retired).

Corporation of London

To mark the visit of the Federal Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany to the City of London yesterday, the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London presented the Honorary Freedom of the City of London to Chancellor Kohl, at Guildhall. Among those present were:

Herr Joachim Bitterlich (Head of Foreign Relations Department), Dr Walter Neuer (Head of Chancellor's Private Office), Mr Marcus Lubbering, the Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany and Frau von Moltke, Mr Peter Kohl, HM Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany and Lady Lever, the Prime Minister and Mrs Blair, the Ambassador of Spain and Señora de Aza, the Ambassador of the Netherlands, the Ambassador of Greece, the Ambassador of Austria and Dr Thomas Nowotny, the Ambassador of Portugal and Senhora Faria, HM Ambassador to Austria and Lady Figgis, the Bishop of London and Mrs Chartres, Lord Thomson of Monifieth, KT, and Lady Thomson, Lord Croham, Lord and Lady Tordoff, Lord Richardson of Duntisbourne, KT, and Lady Richardson, Lord Williams of Elvel, Lord Goff of Chieveley, FBA, and Lady Goff, Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, and Lady Alexander, Lord and Lady Slynn of Hadley, Lord Dahrendorf, FBA, and Lady Dahrendorf, Baroness Williams of Crosby, Lord and Lady Wright of Richmond, Lord and Lady Hoffmann, Lord Wallace of Saltaire, Baroness Symons of Vernham, Mr P A Bassett, Lord and Lady Simon of Highbury, the President of the Board of Trade and Mr Lionel Beckett, the Secretary of State for Defence, the Minister without Portfolio, the Hon Charles Low, Sir Edward Heath, KG, MP, Mr John Major, MP, the Hon Peter Brooke, CH, MP, and the Hon Mrs Brooke, Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, Sir Jeremy and Lady Hanley, Mr Nick Brown, MP, the Governor of the Bank of England and Mrs George, Sir Peter and Lady Petrie, Sir Terence Burns, Sir Murray Fox, Miss Alison Fox, Dame Sue Tinson, Sir Francis and Lady McWilliams, Sir Richard Mottram, Sir Charles and Lady Powell, Sir John and Lady Kerr, Major-General Sir Simon and Lady Cooper, Vice-Admiral Sir James and the Hon Lady Weatherall, Mr and Mrs Jurgen Gehrels, Sir Sigmund and Lady Sternberg, Sir Colin and Lady Marshall, Sir Ralph Robins, Sir Michael and Lady Jenkins, the Mayor of Frankfurt, the Mayor and Mayoress of Kensington and Chelsea, individual guests and representatives of organisations having commercial and cultural connections with Germany, representatives of HM Forces, the Civil Service, City institutions, Members of Parliament, Aldermen, Common Councilmen and Officers of the Corporation of London and their escorts.

Birthdays today

The Duke of York celebrates his 38th birthday today.

Mr Peter Baldwin, former chief executive, Radio Authority, 71; Sir John Collyear, engineer, 71; the Rev Dr G. Henton Davies, Principal Emeritus, Regent's Park College, Oxford, 92; Sir Nicholas Fenn, diplomat, 62; Lord Forbes, 80; Mr John Freeman, former MP, diplomat and chairman, London Weekend Television, 83; Professor Errol E. Harris, philosopher, 90; Lord Henniker, 82; Dr Robin Jeffrey, chairman, Scottish Nuclear, 59.

Miss Hana Mandlikova, tennis player, 36; Professor Bernard Meadows, sculptor, 83; Dr Alan J. Munro, Master, Christ's College, Cambridge, 61; Mr Nigel Nicholls, Clerk of the Privy Council, 60; Sir Daniel Pettit, former chairman, National Freight Corporation, 83; Mrs Erin Pizzey, author and founder of the first shelter for battered wives, 59; Mr Peter Price, former MEP, 56; Mr Smokey Robinson, singer, 58; Mr Colin Sharman, UK senior partner, KPMG, 55; Miss Gwen Taylor, actress, 59; Mr Brian Tesler, former deputy chairman, LWT (Holdings), 69.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS:
Nicolaus Copernicus, astronomer, Thorun, Poland, 1473; David Garrick, actor-manager, Hereford, 1717; Luigi Boccherini, composer, Lucca, Italy, 1743; Sir William Fairbairn, engineer, Kelso, 1789; Sir Roderic Murchison, geologist, Tarradale, Highland, 1792; Adelina Patti, Baroness Cederstrom, soprano, Madrid, 1843; Svante Arrehenius, chemist, Nobel laureate 1903, Uppsala, Sweden, 1859; Sven Hedin, Asian explorer, Stockholm, 1865; Alvaro Obregon, revolutionary President of Mexico 1920-24 and 1928, Alamos, Mexico, 1880; Jimmy Durante, actor and comedian, New York City, 1893; Sir Cedric Hardwicke, actor, Lye, Worcestershire, 1893; Merle Oberon, actress, Bombay, 1911; Carson McCullers, novelist, Columbus, Georgia, 1917; Lee Marvin, actor, New York, 1924.

DEATHS:
Elizabeth Carter, poet, Deal, Kent, 1806; Georg Büchner, dramatist, Zurich, 1837; Bernard Barton, poet, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1849; Blondin (Jean-François Gravelet), acrobat and tightrope walker, London, 1897; Ernst Mach, physicist, Haar, Germany, 1916; André Gide, writer, Nobel laureate 1947, Paris, 1951; Knut Hamsun, novelist, Nobel laureate 1920, Grimstad, Norway, 1952; John Grierson, documentary filmmaker, Bath, 1972.

Napoleon Bonaparte established himself as First Consul after overthrowing the French Government, 1800.

Bread riots took place in Liverpool, 1855.

The Women's Institute was founded by Mrs Hoodless in Ontario, Canada, 1897. It was introduced to Britain during the First World war.

Independence for Cyprus was guaranteed by an agreement signed in London by Britain, Turkey and Greece, 1959.

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Happy is anyone who has concern for the helpless. The Lord will save him in time of trouble. Psalm 41 : 1

BIRTHS

BINGHAM - On February 11th 1998, to Janet and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Holly Jayne, a sister for Erin.

BRISTOW - Born in Singapore on 3rd February, to Simon and Kate (née Chapman), a son, Max James, a brother for Guy and Gemma.

FIFIELD - On February 8th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Alison and Julian, a daughter, Claire Kirsty, a sister for James and Georgina.

GRELL - On February 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Susan and Timothy, a son, George Gardner.

JOHNSON - On February 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Kathryn (née Wood) and Martin, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Claire.

LAI CHUNG FONG - To Peter and Francesca, a daughter, Lara Alexandra, sister to Leonora Pia, on February 16th 1998 at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's, London.

LEWIS - On February 5th at The Portland Hospital, to Angy and Anthony, a daughter, Lauren Sydney, a sister for Georgina.

RIBEIRO - On February 15th at The Portland Hospital, to Izabela and Rogerio Rocha, a son, Guilherme, a brother for Rodrigo.

SHANG - On February 13th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane and Paul, a daughter, Margot Elizabeth, a sister for Matthew.

SLATER - On 2nd February, to Sophia (née English) and Simon, an outrageously beautiful daughter, Ive Babette.

SMITH - On Tuesday 17th February, to Nicholas and Melanie (née Picot), a handsome son, Daniel David Morley, a brother for Chloë Mae, a special grandson for David and Judith.

WALKER - On 12th February in Brunei, to Karen (née Chiverton) and Ross, a daughter, Liberty Mary Elizabeth.

WILLIAMS-BULKELEY - On 8th February, to Jacqueline and Richard, a son, Oliver.

WILSON - On February 15th at the John Radcliffe Hospital, to Caroline (née Ollard) and Malcolm, a son, Guy Malcolm Felix, a brother for Sophie and Harry.

WRIGHT - On February 16th 1998, to Philippa (née White) and Richard, a son, William James Alexander.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

KIDGER - Dr. Michael. Lens Designer and Teacher. My family and I would like to thank the very many of you who are sending personal tributes and kind messages. There are so many, that we would like you to accept this announcement as a personal message of thanks. Tina E. Kidger.

DEATHS

BOVIER - On 17th February peacefully in hospital Jane, much loved by her many friends. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday 26th February at 2.15 pm. Enquiries to Messrs & Cotterill tel: (0181) 874-7698.

CAMPBELL - Florence M. (Mollie) on February 16th 1998 in Ipswich, widow of the late Neil. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church, Mill Hill, London, NW7 on Tuesday February 24th at 1.30 pm.

CRAWSHAY - Richard of The Lee, aged 94, on February 13th at Stoke Mandeville following a stroke. Funeral on February 20th. Details: Cooks, 01494 791359.

ELLAM - Eric Raymond of Tattenhall, Chester on 7th February 1998 aged 78. Formerly of National Water Council and Cheshire County Council. Donations to British Heart Foundation, 7 Queen Avenue, Dale Street, Liverpool L2 4TZ.

FETHERSTONHAUGH - Michael, on Thursday, February 12th. Much loved husband of Helen, father of Tristram and Patrick, and grandfather of Thomas. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Barnes, at 12.00 on February 23rd. Flowers to T.H. Sanders, 35 High Street, Barnes.

GRANVILLE - On 14th February peacefully Lord Granville of Eye. Dearly beloved husband of Elizabeth and loving father of Linda and father-in-law of Emmanuel. Sadly missed by all his many friends. Funeral Service to take place on Wednesday 25th February at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey at 11.30am followed by private cremation. Donations or cut flowers may be sent to J.H. Kenyon, 74 Rochester Row, Westminster, London SW1P 1JU, tel: (0171) 834-4624.

GRAY - Jessie, died peacefully at home on February 16th. Widow of Charles, much loved by sons Robin and Martin, and their families. Cremation at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead on Monday 23rd February at 10 am. No flowers please.

HINSLEY - Professor Sir Harry, O.B.E., M.A., F.B.A., Fellow of St John's College, Cambridge, former Master of St John's College and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge, Emeritus Professor of the History of International Relations, died on Monday, 16th February 1998, aged 79 years.

LINSKILL - The Reverend Martin Paul Richard MA(Oxon) aged 48 years. Vicar of St Martin's Parish Church, Bedford. Died suddenly on 16th February 1998, following a severe illness. Reception into St Martin's Parish Church, Clapham Road, Bedford on Sunday 22nd February at 7.30 pm followed by Requiem Mass on Monday 23rd February at 3 pm. Interment in Sheffield at a later date. Much loved sadly missed. Flowers or if preferred donations for St Martin's Parish Church may be sent to Arnolds Funeral Service, Roff Avenue, Bedford MK41 7TE. Telephone (01234) 359529.

LOCK - Brian Gordon MBE formerly Head of Engineering, BBC Local Radio died on Saturday February 14th 1998 in St James' Hospital, Leeds after a short illness. Beloved husband of Hilary. Private cremation in York on Thursday 26th February. No flowers please. Any donations to his favourite charity WaterAid, Prince Consort House, 27-29 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7UB. A Thanksgiving Service will be held in London at a later date where all will be welcome.

McGILL - Brigadier Alastair (Jerry) OBE, Royal Signals, in Crawley Hospital on 16th February 1998. Beloved husband of Joy; much loved brother of Malcolm, Dick and Nigel; cherished uncle and great-uncle. Funeral Service at St Nicholas Church, Worth, Crawley at 11.15 am on Wednesday 25th February. No flowers please, but if wished donations to St Catherine's Hospice, Malthouse, Crawley, Sussex.

McGIVERN - Dolores wife of Jim, mother to Catherine, Clare, Rachel, Camille and James, died of breast cancer on Monday 16th February. Funeral Mass at St Joseph's, Bedford at 10.45 am on 26th February followed by a service at Bedford Crematorium at 12.15 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger, Bedfordshire. She touched the lives of all who knew her and will be sorely missed.

MILSOM - On 31st January aged 80, Irène, wife of Toby and daughter of Witold Szczeszewski of Wola Krzysztoporska and Warsaw. She wished to be cremated without ceremony, and this has been done. No letters please.

MINTER - Penny (née Dent) 18th February 1998 peacefully at home. Loving mother of Thomas and Toby. Cremation at Bath Crematorium on Saturday 28th February 1998. Enquiries to F. Curtis & Son tel: 01985 212033. No flowers please, donations if desired to Royal National Institute for the Deaf and Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals c/o F. Curtis & Son, 11 Portway, Warminster, Wiltshire.

MORDAUNT - Commander Richard John V.R.D. on 17th February 1998 at home aged 89. Husband of Sally and widower of Nancy (d.1986) and father of Rosemary, Christopher and Nicola. Funeral Service on 25th February at St Andrew's, Leigh, at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but if so desired donations to Friends of Royal Naval Museum and HMS Victory, The Royal HM Naval Base, PP66 Portsmouth, PO1 3NH.

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RICHARDS - Lady, (Kit Lewis), peacefully at the Hazlewell Nursing Home on 18th February 1998, aged 86. Widow of Sir James Richards. Private cremation.

ROLL - The Reverend Sir James William Cecil Baronet in hospital on Friday 13th February and late of Leigh on Sea, Essex. Funeral Service at St Clement's Church, The Broadway, Leigh on Sea on Tuesday 24th February at 12 noon. No flowers by request please but donations for St Clement's Church Fund c/o Stibbards Funeral Service, 1032 London Road, Leigh on Sea, Essex (01702) 74389.

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SIMS - Edwin, suddenly at home on February 16th 1998. Much loved husband of Mary, a dear father and grandfather who will be deeply missed by his family and many friends. Funeral Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Friday 27th February at 2.45 pm. Family flowers only, but donations to The Childrens Hospice for The Eastern Region c/o T. Pennack & Sons, Funeral Directors, 1/3 Maldon Road, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 7DW.

STEVENSON - Muriel on February 14th 1998, peacefully at home, aged 95. Funeral at St John's Church, Chutt, on Friday 20th February at 10.15 am.

STUNGO - Adrian, husband of Ruth and father of Humphrey, Naomi and Ben, died at home on 16th February. His funeral will be held at Golders Green Crematorium on 21st February at 12 noon. Please call Levertons, tel: 0171 586 4221, regarding donations.

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TANNER - Marjorie Elizabeth on February 13th 1998 peacefully at home aged 84 years. Widow of Clive, much loved mother of Richard and grandmother of Lucy and James. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury on Friday February 27th at 11 am. Family flowers only.

THURSFIELD - Elizabeth of Froyle, Hampshire, peacefully at Inwood in Alton on February 17th aged 93. Much loved mother of John and Anthony (died 1992), grandmother of Mary, Peter, Robert and Rachel and great-grandmother to William, Charlotte, Harriet and Sam. Family cremation Friday 27th February 11 am. Thanksgiving Service Friday 27th February 3 pm at St Mary's Church, Upper Froyle. For further information ring Reads, Alton (01420 83651).

WELCHMAN - Dillon Godfrey on 13th February 1998 at Trinity Hospice. Beloved husband of Jacquie and adored father of Sara and James and grandfather to William, Archie and Jake. Funeral Private. Memorial Service to be held at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London SW1 on Monday 23rd March 1998 at 2.30 pm. Donations if wished to Trinity Hospice, Clapham Common or The Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

WRIGHT - Anna, of China, Japan and Dolphin Square, London SW1. Aged 88, passed away peacefully in her sleep on February 15th at Bryanston House Nursing Home. Much loved Auntie to Ian, Deborah and Douglas and sister to Skip and Betty. Funeral Service to take place at Lewisham Crematorium on Tuesday, 3rd March at 12 noon. No flowers. Enquiries to Francis Chappell & Sons, tel: 0181 697 2487.

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OBITUARIES

ERNST JÜNGER

Ernst Jünger, German writer, died on February 17 aged 102. He was born on March 29, 1895.

Ernst Jünger was among the most important writers of a generation that included Kafka, Brecht and Broch. Jünger's heroic exploits during the First World War provided the raw material for his first and most popular book, *In Stahlgewittern* (*Storm of Steel*). Though he remained aloof from practical politics, Jünger was seen by many as a gravedigger of the Weimar Republic.

With Heidegger, he belongs among the nationalist thinkers whose attempts to reconcile fascism and German philosophy failed to impress the Nazis, but whose influence outlasted the Third Reich. Ever since 1945, and especially since German reunification, Jünger has remained a cult figure on the German right. But though critics are still bitterly divided about his stature as a writer, in recent years his reputation has looked more secure. Though not the greatest writer of the 20th century, he was perhaps its greatest survivor.

Ernst Jünger was born in Heidelberg, the son of a pharmacist and inventor. He grew up near Hanover, surrounded by medieval cloisters and primeval forests, the ancient Teutonic landscapes in which his novels are set. It was a cultivated and talented family. The mother had literary ambitions for her sons: both Ernst and his younger brother, Friedrich Georg, achieved renown as writers. Their father, also called Ernst, was an eccentric "anarchist", but domineering too. Ernst received a predominantly scientific training, and continued all his life to pursue entomological, zoological and botanical research, which he evidently found deeply satisfying. There are parallels with his Russian contemporary Nabokov, a passionate lepidopterist.

Alongside the contemplative, unemotional core of Jünger's complex and opaque character, however, there was a strong yearning for the *vita activa*, which could take wild forms. In 1913, bored by boarding school and dreading university, he ran away to join the French Foreign Legion — a farcical adventure, which ended when his father tracked him down in Morocco and rescued him from a court martial. But in 1914 he enlisted at the first opportunity and spent the war on the Western Front; he kept diaries throughout.

War was the making of Jünger, but it was very nearly the death of him, too. As a lieutenant in the elite 73rd Infantry Regiment, he was almost constantly in action. He received 14 wounds and virtually every possible decoration, including the highest, the *Pour le mérite*. On one occasion, he saved the life of his badly injured brother. Modern warfare first made its full impact on him at the Somme, and reached its apogee in March 1918. For Jünger, this vision of the apocalypse had metaphysical and ethical implications: the soldier who had endured hell on earth was a new kind of man, a new species, destined to rule. And the only values to survive were pain, suffering and sacrifice.

Having had a good war, however, Jünger was appalled by the German defeat. He carried on soldiering for the new Reichswehr until 1923, by which time he was, thanks to *Storm of Steel* (1920), a celebrity. The book retains an elemental power to this day. Its novelty consists in the detached, clinical quality of its descriptions. Though the author's underlying patriotism is never in doubt, he succeeds in reducing war to an aesthetic phenomenon, and thereby subverted the genre of war memoirs before most of them were written.

His next books — *Copse 125* and *Battle as an inner experience* — also drew on his diaries, but were also tracts aimed at the Weimar "system" which had set its face against war. The stabilisation of the Republic after the failure of various putsch attempts, including Hitler's, caused Jünger to resume belatedly his academic studies: dabbling in philosophy and science, spending long periods abroad, and working at the Marina biological station in Naples. His naturalist passion is reflected in perhaps his most accomplished and original book, *Das abenteuerliche Herz* (*The adventurous Heart*, 1929, extensively revised in 1934). This established his characteristic short prose form — anecdote, description, aphorism or meditation — frequently with a surrealist (or what would now be called magical) quality.

In 1925 he married and moved to Berlin,



Jünger in 1919 wearing the *Pour le mérite*, Germany's highest military award

where he plunged into political journalism. Together with his brother Friedrich, he became involved with the "National Bolshevik" Ernst Niekisch, who favoured a rapprochement with Russia against the West. From this milieu there emerged one of his most ambitious books, *The Worker* (1932): his only full-blown work of political theory, which envisioned a permanent command economy of the kind created in wartime, populated by a new kind of worker, who is essentially a civilian *Frontsoldat*. His worker state is more communist than fascist, but underlying this technocratic utopia is a pessimistic critique of modernity close to Heidegger's.

Meanwhile Jünger also flirted with the Nazis, then at their lowest ebb and eager for fashionable converts. On two occasions he wrote for the Nazi Party organ *Völkischer Beobachter*, and he was cultivated by Goebbels, who like most Nazis admired his war books. But after turning down Hitler's offer of a Reichstag seat in 1927, Jünger gradually distanced himself from the party, which he never joined. Goebbels wrote him off as a dreamer and aesthete, but he continued to enjoy the status of a war hero even after 1933, when he withdrew from politics, refused to join Nazi literary organisations, and left Berlin for "inner emigration" in Goslar. When the Nazis took over his ideas, he did not protest; however, he never wrote Nazi propaganda, nor did he sign petitions in support of Hitler or against émigrés. He destroyed his journals after the Gestapo searched his house after arresting Niekisch, and his travel books *Myrdun* and *Atlantic Journey* (published after 1945) contain hidden messages of disaffection.

His books enjoyed great success until he provoked the Nazi authorities with his bold and prescient allegory of dictatorship, *Auf den Marmorklippen* (*On the Marble Cliffs*), which was published in 1939 but banned in 1940. The novel depicts an idyllic country, the Marina, devastated by the cruel forces of the forest Ranger, a thinly-disguised portrait of Goering. The novel includes a horrifying evocation of a death camp, but its amosphere is archaic, reminiscent of an ancient nordic saga. It is not a call to arms, but a *Götterdämmerung*; though it was read by the German Resistance, its ethos is stoical and resigned.

Jünger rejoined the army as a captain in 1939 but, apart from a brief visit to the Caucasus which inspired his postwar utopian novel *Heliopolis*, he spent most of the war in occupied Paris. Though he saw action only once, his war diaries are regarded as among his best works; as cold-blooded as ever, but tinged with humility, especially after his son, Ernstel, was killed in 1944.

His *Der Friede* (*The Peace*, 1941-43) reflected the views of those who were to participate in the July 1944 plot against Hitler, who circulated it in typescript. Jünger, under the protection of General Speidel, managed to remain uninvolved. *Der Friede* advocated a German dominated, anti-Soviet federation of European states, based on a Christian ethic. Fortunate not to have fallen victim to Hitler's purge, he was dishonourably discharged in October 1944.

But as the war ended Jünger found himself again the object of suspicion, this time by the Allies; there was even talk of trying him at Nuremberg, and he went into Swiss exile. But he was held in high esteem in France, particularly by Cocteau, and the publishing ban imposed by the Allies was brief. After returning to settle in the remote Swabian hamlet of Wilflingen, he continued his industrious writing career, but his elitist views rendered him unfashionable. Even his pioneering experimentation with hallucinatory drugs could not restore him to favour.

He outlived all his contemporaries: unlike his friends Heidegger and Carl Schmitt, Jünger could legitimately dissociate himself and his work from the Nazis, and he enjoyed an Indian summer in the last decades of the century. His postwar books became less martial in vocabulary, and he created a successor to his archetypal Soldier and Worker: *der Waldgänger* (*the forest pathfinder*). Thus Jünger, with his overt preference for the natural world over the human, could be rehabilitated as a prophet of the Greens, though he never endorsed them. Emerging rarely from his hermit-like seclusion, he received the homage of admirers such as Helmut Kohl and François Mitterrand, without departing from his scepticism towards liberal democracy. He may have mellowed, but he never gave an inch.

Jünger's literary achievement is voluminous: among German writers, perhaps only Goethe and Thomas Mann enjoyed such productive careers. Compared with these titans, Jünger's oeuvre has few themes. His shrewdest critic, J.P. Stern, summed them up as: death, war and the depersonalisation of man. Stern believed that Jünger had posed the right questions, but the linguistic and moral impoverishment of his response "relegates him to the second-rate". But Jünger's defects of sense and sensibility indubitably and uniquely reflect those of his age, his culture and his language. His greatness lies in his attempt to transcend a time in which the very possibility of transcendence was denied to mankind. He was, indeed, the last Nietzschean.

Ernst Jünger's first wife died in 1960. He is survived by his second wife, Liselotte, whom he married in 1962.

KENNETH WEEKES

Kenneth Weekes, West Indian cricketer, died on February 9 aged 86. He was born on January 24, 1912.



ALTHOUGH he played in only two Test matches for West Indies, Kenneth Weekes batted memorably at the Oval in the second of them, racing to a 110-minute century. It was to be the last Test anywhere for almost seven years, for only days after Weekes's bombardment of England's bowling, Europe was at war and the Caribbean cricketers were on an early ship home. Their last seven matches — including one against Billy Butlin's XI at Skegness — had been cancelled.

Weekes, a cousin of the far better known Everton Weekes (one of the famous postwar 3Ws), had risen swiftly from Jamaican club cricket to win a place on the 1939 tour. He had scored 1,000 runs in a club season, and hit 106 on his debut for Jamaica at Sabina Park against the touring Oxford & Cambridge side. An 88 against Trinidad at Port-of-Spain followed, then 100 not out in a tour trial match (this century coming in, for him, the very slow time of 3½ hours).

He was selected for the 1939 tour of England, under Rolf Grant's captaincy, principally as a back-up in the wicket-keeping department to Ivan Barrow and Derek Sealy, and he had a stuttering start with the bat. In June, however, half-centuries against Northamptonshire, Minor Counties (at Lord's) and Leicestershire secured him a Test debut at Lord's, where he made a quick 20 and 16, in the first caught one-handed at cover on the run by Gimblett off a swirling aerial hit — Learie Constantine said it was the best catch he had ever seen — and caught at the wicket off Verity in the second innings. The legendary George Headley, Weekes's team-mate at Lucas, Jamaica, scored two centuries in the match, the second time he had done so against England, but young Hutton and Compton had set up England's victory with a stand of 248 in only 140 minutes in the first innings.

An attractive 123 against Norfolk was not enough to save Weekes's place for the second Test, but a career-best 146 against Surrey at the Oval backed by half-centuries against Somerset and Warwickshire earned him a recall for the final Test. England made 352. Hardstaff scoring 94, Norman Oldfield (on debut) 80, Hutton 73 and Tyrell Johnson, the slender Trinidadian, taking Keeton's wicket with his first ball in Test cricket.

West Indies' reply, against an England attack lacking Bowes and Verity, was shaping well until Headley was run out. Gomez went cheaply, but from 164 for 4, Weekes and Victor Stollmeyer (stumped off Goddard for 96 in the only Test innings of his life) virtually doubled the score in the next 100 minutes. The left-handed Weekes began nervously, then hit 11 runs off an over by Reg Perks, who, with Nichols, conceded 43 off four overs with the new ball.

Weekes, unorthodox of stance and footwork, took four fours in a row off Perks, having been dropped off Wright when 52. During the height of the West Indian onslaught (Constantine was soon belting 79 with 50 in boundaries) England's fast bowlers dispensed with their slip fieldsmen, and the number of men patrolling the outfield made it seem like a charity match.

Weekes's blazing progress was interrupted by a thunderstorm after tea, and when he was eventually caught by Hammond high to his right at slip off Nichols, he had made 137 at a run a minute, with a six off Hutton and 18 fours. The tourists finished 146 ahead but a record stand of 264 in only three hours by Hutton and Hammond made England safe, capping some golden memories which cricket-lovers had to make last through the long years of world war.

Kenneth Hummell Weekes, known as "Ban Ban" for his extraordinary aggression at the batting crease, remains the only American-born Test cricketer. His father was from Barbados, his mother from Jamaica, where he grew up, but he was born in Boston, Massachusetts.

In his short first-class career he made 1731 runs at an average of 40.26, with four centuries, and held 21 catches, with one stumping. He also took 12 wickets (38.67). His three Test innings in 1939 left him with a distinguished lifetime average of 57.67.

Retiring to New York after his meteoric cricket career, Weekes was later employed as a nurse. His death leaves only J. H. Cameron as a survivor of that last West Indies Test team before the Second World War.

Weekes leaves a widow, Viola, and six children.

PHILIP TIBENHAM

Philip Tibenham, television journalist, died from lung cancer on January 24 aged 66. He was born on April 30, 1931.



PHILIP TIBENHAM'S voice was a rare instrument: authoritative, expressive and timeless. His reporting style — understated, without a trace of bluster or aggression — made him one of Britain's most successful televison journalists. Off-camera, in a profession where both qualities are in short supply, he displayed humility and humour.

Originally a print journalist for the *Birmingham Post* and the *Daily Mirror*, he joined the BBC in 1964 as a regional news reporter, graduating to London-based current affairs programmes such as *24 Hours*, the second *Tonight* and the early evening news magazine *Nationwide*, all based at the BBC's old Lime Grove studios. He fulfilled *Nationwide*'s insatiable appetite for stories about lost ducks and singing dogs as amiably and professionally as he wrote and presented major documentaries for *Panorama*.

As an interviewer, he was inquisitive without being invasive. Sensitive to the nuances of television, he could indicate disbelief with a simple look. While rival reporters hectored, he probed gently.

For his 1982 *Panorama* investigation *The Islamic Bomb*, he interviewed a Swiss businessman accused of helping Pakistan to acquire a nuclear arsenal. Having put a question, he then famously sat in silence for two long, painful minutes before his subject could bring himself to respond. The answer, when it came, was typically revealing.

His style was much more effective for being non-gladiatorial. People talked easily to him because he listened, and seemed to care. Indeed, some of the stories he reported moved him to silent tears. While filming a famine in Africa, he spoke affectingly about televison's casual brutality, its need for incessant human drama: how it befriends the unfortunate, extracts emotion, then moves on.

At the same time he could be disarmingly reckless, once commandeering the piano in an expensive Nairobi hotel at midnight to entertain Kenya's astonished élite with a song about President Kenyatta's human rights record before being hustled off to safety by his crew.

Full of contradictions, Philip Tibenham was both the interrogator of presidents and kings and also something of an innocent at large in a harshly competitive profession. He was more reticent than many of his peers and constitutionally disinclined to any form of bumptious self-promotion. His films, he felt, should speak for themselves. He reported from thirty countries, made a stream of exceptional documentaries for *Panorama* and was rewarded with prizes from, among others, the Royal Television Society and the Monte Carlo Television Festival.

Yet in the mid-1980s, when BBC Television purged a dozen of its best-known reporters, Philip Tibenham was one of them. It was a decision that, to both victims and survivors, seemed cruel and irrational, losing *Panorama* one of its most authoritative voices. However, as a freelance, he continued to present innumerable documentaries and series for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4, including the memorable series *Thatcher: The Downing Street Years*. He joined Central TV in Birmingham and, when Carlton took over the Midlands ITV franchise, he stayed on, as a valued reporter and programme editor.

He leaves his widow, Molly, and three sons.

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LUXOR, Feb, 18.

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"I find it most difficult to write about or describe what I saw and felt when I entered the inner chamber of the tomb of Tutankhamen for of a surety I never dreamed I should gaze upon the amazing sight which met my eyes. In the morning, Mr. Howard Carter had cased with planking the two bituminized statues of the King on each side of the sealed door, so that no hurt could come to them and also built a sort of wooden stage to enable him to attack the sealed door at the top ...

"After a little while a small aperture was made, through which it was possible to peep and it became evident that there was no empty chamber or passage confronting us but that we were looking at some large built-up structure. With the aid of an electric torch we managed to make out that it was the top of a large canopy carved and gilded.

"The work proceeded slowly, for the cement was still very hard and the greatest care was necessary, till suddenly an interruption occurred, for on one of the inner stones there lay the remains of a necklace of beads of faience and gold with two ornamental clasps. There it had evidently been dropped, presumably three thousand years ago, by some one who either did not notice it or did not take the trouble to pick it up because he was already loaded with plunder.

"Much more of the construction of the interior object was now visible, and our first conjecture, that it was some kind of catafalque or canopy was confirmed. It was now seen to be an enormous structure of wood, most elaborately carved and gilded and inlaid with blue faience. Altogether it forms one of the most magnificent and remarkable objects ever discovered. Now, also, we could see that the walls of the interior of this chamber were painted ... The painting appeared also to have suffered from damp and to be disfigured by stains of iron and mould. Still, even from the outside, it was easy to distinguish among the decorations the cartouche of Tutankhamen.

"This canopy was so close to the opening, and left so little space, that precautions had to be taken before it was possible to think of getting in. At last, by means of a mattress placed against the canopy, it became possible to risk entry. Mr. Carter went in first and, after a short while, announced to us waiting outside that there was no doubt that it was the tomb of the King.

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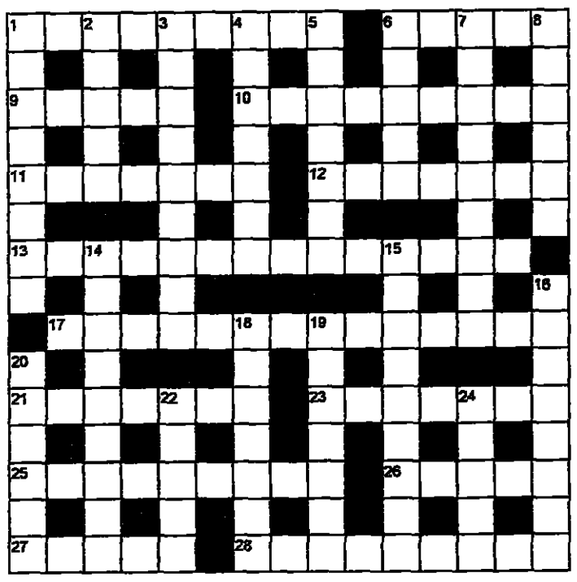
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10 Kowtowing to get honour, in case that's corrupt (9).
11 Reserve gets point, going on pitch (7).
12 Oval ball rebounds in various directions (7).
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17 Extremely restrained, but it covered a great deal of ground (14).
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26 Party-goer in right state (5).
27 Rejected dictionary word suggesting alternative for 28, say (5).
28 Punch, for example, meets with tolerance in rough-and-tumble (9).

DOWN

1 Elegant clothing provided to order (8).
2 One put on the floor by such a tackle? (5).
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Sun rises:	Sun sets:
7.07 am	5.23 pm
Moon sets	Moon rises
10.35 am	12.46 am

Last quarter today
London 5.23 pm to 7.05 am
Bristol 5.32 pm to 7.15 am
Edinburgh 5.29 pm to 7.27 am
Manchester 5.27 pm to 7.18 am
Penzance 5.47 pm to 7.24 am

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** fog patches and cloud lifting in eastern England to give sunny breaks. Cloud and drizzle remaining in the west, across Wales, north and west Scotland and Northern Ireland. Tonight the far north and west will become increasingly windy as rain arrives by morning

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, NE England:** dry with sunshine but fog lingering near the south coast. Light southwest wind. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **SW England, Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man:** mostly grey with patchy drizzle. Hill and coastal fog. Moderate southwest wind. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N England:** mostly cloudy with fog patches. Moderate southwest wind. Max 12C (54F)

☐ **SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** overcast with patchy drizzle, heavier rain in the northwest Hill and coastal fog. Fresh to strong southwest wind. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland:** dry with a few sunny breaks. Brisk southwest breeze. Max 14C (57F).

☐ **Northern Ireland:** dull with rain, drizzle and fog, drier to the southeast. Brisk southerly wind. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Irish Republic:** cloudy but mainly dry. A little drizzle in the south and west. Moderate to fresh south wind. Mild. Max 12C (54F)

☐ **Outlook:** rain tomorrow in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and North West England, but South East dry. Cool, blustery and showery everywhere on Saturday.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

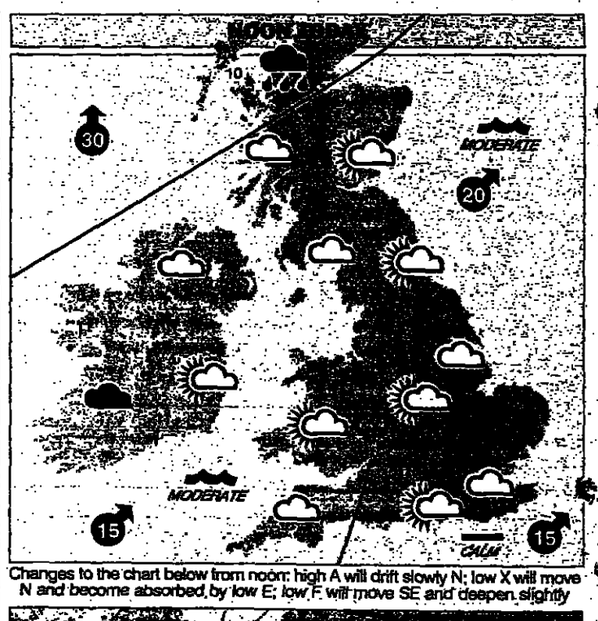
24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; da=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun: hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.5	-	13	55	s	Leeds	4.2	-	13	55	s
Anglesey	2.0	0.01	9	48	b	Lerwick	0.8	0.05	9	48	d
Aspatria	2.0	0.01	10	50	d	Leuchars	1.2	-	11	52	c
Aviemore	2.0	-	12	54	b	Lidlehmpin	7.7	-	10	50	s
Belfast	0.3	0.01	9	48	du	London	7.6	-	13	55	s
Birmingham	6.4	-	8	46	s	Lowestoft	5.9	-	9	48	s
Bognor R	8.0	-	10	50	s	Manchester	3.6	0.01	11	52	s
Bristol	3.9	-	12	54	b	Margate	7.1	-	10	50	s
Buxton	5.9	-	8	46	s	Morecambe	2.0	0.01	9	48	d
Cardiff	X	0.01	10	50	fg	Newcastle	6.3	-	11	52	s
Clacton	6.3	-	7	45	s	Newquay	3.1	-	11	52	b
Cleethorpes	3.6	-	11	52	s	Norwich	6.7	-	11	52	s
Cromer	6.2	-	13	55	s	Oxford	3.3	-	11	52	s
Eastbourne	8.5	-	9	48	s	Poole	4.1	0.01	10	50	s
Edinburgh	1.8	-	12	54	b	Prestatyn	X	-	X	X	X
Eskdalemuir	0.3	0.02	7	45	d	Rose-o-wye	X	0.01	10	50	s
Exmouth	2.1	-	9	48	b	Saunton Snd	5.3	-	11	52	s
Falmouth	3.5	-	11	52	c	Scarboro'	-	-	9	48	s
Fishguard	0.4	0.01	8	46	fg	Shrewsbury	3.9	0.01	9	48	d
Folkestone	8.2	-	9	48	s	Skegness	2.0	-	11	52	s
Glasgow	0.5	0.01	10	50	d	Southend	6.7	0.01	10	50	s
Guernsey	4.9	-	10	50	s	Southsea	6.8	0.01	10	50	s
Hastings	7.7	-	9	48	s	Stornoway	1.1	0.01	11	52	s
Hayling I.	7.9	-	11	52	s	Swanage	7.0	0.01	10	50	s
Herne Bay	6.2	-	X	X	s	Teignmouth	1.7	0.01	10	50	c
Hurstanton	X	-	12	54	s	Tenby	1.4	-	8	46	b
Isle-of-man	0.7	0.01	10	50	c	Tiree	-	0.01	10	50	s
Isle-of-wight	7.4	-	9	48	s	Torquay	2.6	0.01	10	50	b
Jersey	7.5	-	10	50	s	Tynemouth	-	-	11	52	b
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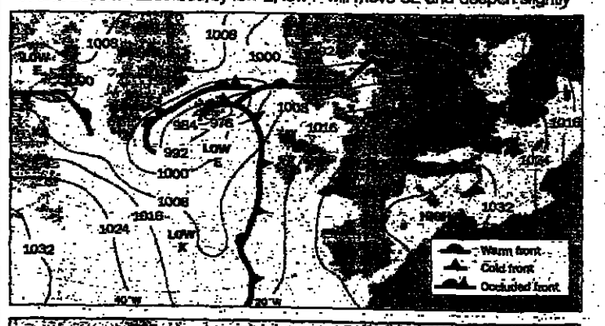
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Ajaccio	17	63	f	Cologne	7	45	c	Madrid	18	64	s
Alicante	17	63	s	Corfu	16	61	f	Majorca	16	61	s
Amsterdam	8	64	f	Cpenhagn	5	41	f	Malaga	13	55	c
Algiers	16	61	f	Dublin	11	52	c	Malta	15	61	f
Amst'dm	6	46	c	Dubrovnik	15	59	c	Melb'rne	18	64	f
Athens	16	64	s	Faro	17	63	c	Mexico C	X	X	X
B Ayres	28	82	s	Florence	15	59	s	Miami	28	82	t
Bahrain	17	63	s	Frankfurt	9	48	f	Milan	20	73	s
Bangkok	35	95	s	Funchal	19	66	f	Montreal	2	36	s
Barbados	29	84	r	Geneva	12	54	s	Moscow	9	18	f
Barcelona	15	59	du	Gibraltar	14	57	c	Munich	5	41	r
Beijing	8	46	s	Helsinki	16	3	s	N Delhi	24	75	s
Beirut	16	61	f	Hong K	24	75	sh	N York	4	39	f
Belgrade	14	57	f	Innsbruck	8	46	c	Nairobi	26	79	f
Berlin	5	41	s	Istanbul	11	52	s	Naples	14	57	f
Bermuda	18	64	s	Jeddah	25	77	s	Nice	15	59	s
Biarritz	12	54	f	Jo'burg	16	61	c	Oslo	1	34	f
Borde'x	13	55	s	L Angels	13	55	s	Paris	9	48	s
Brussels	7	45	c	L Palmas	24	75	s	Perth	29	84	s
Budapest	12	54	f	Le Touqet	9	48	f	Prague	4	39	f
Cairo	18	64	f	Lisbon	15	59	c	Reykjavik	7	45	c
Cape Th	34	93	s	Locarno	20	68	s	Rhodes	16	61	r
Ch churen	32	90	x	Luxembg	5	41	c	Rio de J	30	86	f
Chicago	4	39	f	Luxor	22	72	s	Riyadh	19	66	s
Corfu	16	61	f	Madrid	18	64	s	Rome	16	61	f
Majorca	16	61	s	S Fr'isco	11	52	s				
Malaga	13	55	c	S Paulo	X	X	X				
Malta	15	61	f	Salzburg	7	45	c				
Melb'rne	18	64	f	Santiago	25	77	s				
Mexico C	X	X	X	Seoul	10	50	c				
Miami	28	82	t	Sing'por	34	93	f				
Milan	20	73	s	St'kholm	-4	25	c				
Montreal	2	36	s	Strasb'rg	9	48	c				
Moscow	9	18	f	Sydney	20	68	s				
Munich	5	41	r	Tangier	19	66	s				
N Delhi	24	75	s	Tel Aviv	17	63	s				
N York	4	39	f	Tenerife	23	73	f				
Nairobi	26	79	f	Tokyo	8	46	s				
Naples	14	57	f	Toronto	2	36	c				
Nice	15	59	s	Tunis	17	63	f				
Oslo	1	34	f	Valencia	18	64	s				
Paris	9	48	s	Vanc'ver	7	45	r				
Perth	29	84	s	Venice	14	57	s				
Prague	4	39	f	Vienna	7	45	c				
Reykjavik	7	45	c	Warsaw	2	36	c				
Rhodes	16	61	r	Wash'ton	X	X	X				
Rio de J	30	86	f	Wel'ngton	24	75	X				
Riyadh	19	66	s	Zurich	9	48	f				

Temperatures at midday local time Tuesday. X = not available



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Avonmouth	11:23	10.5	11:44	10.1	London Bridge	6:18	6.1	6:45	6.2
Belfast	3:42	3.0	4:13	3.1	Lowestoft	1:58	2.3	2:38	2.1
Cardiff	11:09	9.8	11:30	9.4	Margate	4:25	4.2	4:56	4.1
Devonport	10:03	4.6	10:42	4.4	Milford Haven	10:42	5.5	11:10	5.3
Dover	3:13	5.8	3:39	5.5	Newquay	8:40	5.6	10:09	6.4
Dublin	4:29	3.4	5:07	3.3	Oban	10:05	3.1	10:54	2.8
Falmouth	9:40	4.4	10:13	4.2	Penzance	9:03	4.5	9:36	4.5
Greenock	5:00	2.8	5:06	3.0	Portland	11:00	1.4	11:26	1.4
Harwich	4:05	3.5	4:34	3.4	Portsmouth	3:44	4.0	4:06	3.8
Holyhead	2:51	4.8	3:11	4.6	Sheerness	3:30	5.2	3:56	5.0
Hull (Albert D)	10:54	7.3	11:15	7.3	Southampton	3:11	3.9	3:28	3.7
Ilfracombe	10:20	7.3	10:48	7.0	Swansea	10:50	7.5	11:23	7.3
King's Lynn	10:54	5.1	11:09	5.1	Tees	9:37	4.5	9:58	4.5
Leith	7:30	4.6	7:51	4.5	Walton-On-Naze	4:03	3.7	4:29	3.6

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Lossiemouth, Moray, and Aberdeen, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Clacton, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Lerwick, 0.05in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, 8.5hr.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19 1998

Heavy discounting sees sales equal peak levels of Eighties

High street boom fuels rate fears

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HIGH STREET spending reached levels not seen since the peak of the 1980s boom in January, reviving fears in the City that interest rates are set to rise again.

Retail sales surged by 1.8 per cent between December and January, as shoppers rushed to take advantage of discounts in the winter sales.

The annual rate of sales growth climbed from 5 per cent in December to 6.9 per cent — the highest figure since June 1988.

The rise, which was around twice the level the City had been expecting, could tip the Bank of England into making another interest rate rise as soon as next month. The Bank shocked the markets last week with a warning in its Quarterly Inflation Report that interest rates may still have to rise above 7.25 per cent to head off the threat to inflation from the strong labour market and robust consumer demand.

The minutes of the January Monetary Policy Committee meeting also revealed that the Bank was split down the middle over the need for an immediate rise, despite the economic data at the time pointing tentatively to a cooling economy.

The interest rate threat, however, failed to dent optimism on the stock market, which climbed to a record for the second consecutive day.

GEORGE IS FINALLY REAPPOINTED

EDDIE GEORGE was finally reappointed as Governor of the Bank of England for a further five year term yesterday, ending weeks of uncertainty about his position (*Janet Bush writes*).

Amid speculation of tense relations between Mr George and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, not least over their different instincts on British membership of the single currency, the City had been increasingly unsettled over the delay in confirming Mr George's appointment.

Mr George's next contract starts in July and ends in 2003. If Labour wins a second term, Mr George may witness a referendum on the euro and perhaps see a lifetime's work at the Bank passed on to the European central bank.

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The FTSE 100 index closed up 13.9 at 5,723.4, having recovered from a 21 point fall in the morning. Merger talk in the banking sector was again the main driving force although a rise on Wall Street also boosted the market. By the close in London, the Dow Jones had risen about 40 points.

The pound profited from the renewed interest rate speculation, continuing its climb back towards DM3.00 after falls earlier this month prompted by expectations that rates had peaked. Sterling closed up nearly one pfennig at DM2.9865 and rose a cent against the dollar to $1.6413. On its trade weighted index, sterling climbed 0.3 to 105.1.

Clothing and footwear sales bounced back after a poor December to register a monthly rise of 1.6 per cent, pushing the annual rate of increase to 8.2 per cent. However, last week's inflation data showed prices in the sector falling at a record rate, suggesting consumers had made a bee-line to the winter sales. Sales of household goods, which were also heavily discounted, rose by 12 per cent compared with January last year.

Food sales performed strongly, rising by 2 per cent during the month, although prices slipped and some of the increase may reflect the trend for supermarkets to move into sectors such as the clothing and footwear market.

Economists said the strong data could persuade the Bank to raise rates. However, most were sceptical that the figures implied a rate rise is necessary to control high steet inflation. Nick Vaughan, UK economist at Barclays Capital, said much of the growth reflected the low prices available and that the parallels with the 1980s boom were limited. The retail sales deflator, a measure of high street inflation, stood at 0.4 per cent in January, compared with 3.1 per cent in June 1988.

Geoffrey Dicks, UK economist at NatWest Markets, added: "It's difficult to see where any future sales strength is going to come from. January's sharp rise in volumes has all the marks of a final blow out before a period of retrenchment."

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	5723.4	(+13.9)
Yield	2.85%	
FTSE All share	2648.77	(+5.82)
Nikkei	16513.89	(–176.82)
New York:		
Dow Jones	8434.87	(+36.37)*
S&P Composite	1029.81	(+7.05)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%*	(6%)
Long Bond	104²⁸⁄₃₂*	(104²⁸⁄₃₂)
Yield	5.82%*	(5.80%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	7⅛%	(7⅛%)
Life long gilt future (Mar)	123⅛	(124¼)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6403*	(1.6330)
London:		
$	1.6413	(1.6323)
DM	2.9865	(2.9786)
FFr	10.0080	(9.9864)
SFr	2.4097	(2.4025)
Yen	207.43	(206.55)
£ Index	105.1	(104.8)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.8195*	(1.8207)
FFr	6.0965*	(6.1170)
SFr	1.4693*	(1.4723)
Yen	126.32*	(126.58)
$ Index	108.8	(109.1)

Tokyo close Yen 126.17

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (May) $15.10 ($14.75)

GOLD

London close $297.65 ($298.05)

* denotes midday trading price

Kroll row

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Lonrho, which is in the process of demerging its African trading businesses, is to break its Princess Hotels chain into two parts to make it easier to sell.

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Fresh £100m windfall for Woolwich investors

BY RICHARD MILES, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

WOOLWICH, the building society that floated on the stock market last summer, delighted its new shareholders yesterday with the announcement of a £100 million special dividend.

The 6.5p special dividend, added to the total year dividend of 9.5p, will put £105 in the pockets of the hundreds of thousands of former Woolwich members who received the average windfall package of 657 shares.

The news, plus confirmation by John Stewart, chief executive, that the bank is to seek authorisation to return a further £100 million to £200 million of excess capital to shareholders later this year, sent the shares racing upwards. They closed 6.5 per cent up, at 395.25p, adding about £400 million to the bank's market capitalisation. The launch price was 370p.

In its first full-year results since listing in July, the group unveiled a 16 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, to £455.7 million, and announced a 6.5p final dividend. Earnings per share rose to 15.6p, from 14.9p.

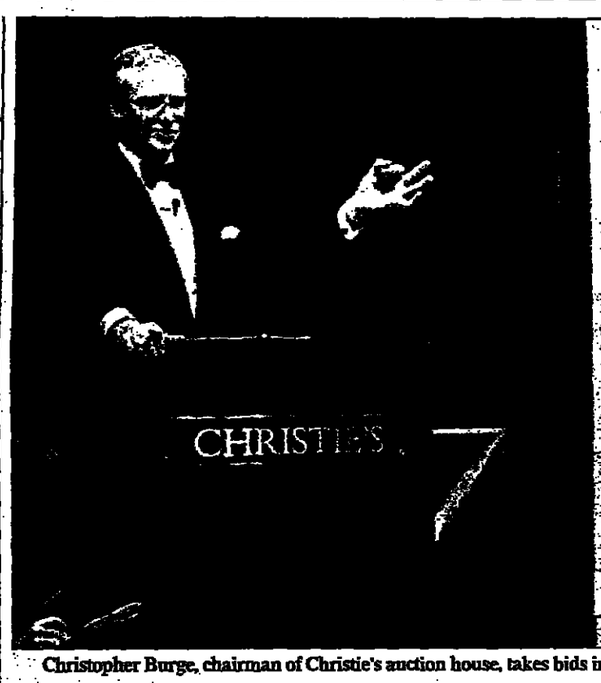
However, Woolwich's net lending collapsed from £1.45 billion in 1996 to just £759 million, more than halving its market share to 3.1 per cent. Woolwich was also hit by a huge outflow of savings as investors withdrew deposits worth £595 million. The bank attributed both declines to the conversion factor — former members changing banks after receipt of their windfall.

Income from non-traditional businesses such as fund management and life insurance fared better, rising by 19 per cent, to £219.3 million, but this included 15 months for some product lines because of a change in year-end for the accounts. Expenses included £53.3 million for the conversion process, plus a writedown of £11.7 million for the group's computer centre. Redundancy costs came to £6.5 million as Woolwich restructured its branch network.

Woolwich said that it would retain its remaining £700 million of surplus capital to finance organic growth or joint ventures. Mr Stewart effectively ruled out acquisitions because of the high prices of target companies. The bank itself has five years' protection from predators, provided that if it does not seek to buy, or merge with, another financial services company.

Mr Stewart said that he hoped to shift the balance of profits so that non-interest income would account for 20 per cent of the total, compared with its current 10 to 12 per cent contribution. He also said that Woolwich would continue to expand on the Continent, where interest margins are far bigger than in the UK.

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Christopher Burge, chairman of Christie's auction house, takes bids in New York at what became the $29 million sale of Picasso's *les Femmes d'Alger*

Christie's going, going but in the end not gone

BY MARTIN WALLER

TALKS broke down yesterday between Christie's International, the international auction house, and a merchant bank fronting a consortium of rich individuals trying to buy the company.

SBC Warburg Dillon Read had been acting on behalf of a group of mainly anonymous investors including Joe Lewis, once named as Britain's richest man and owner of almost 30 per cent of the company.

The bank approached the auction house in December and talks have been continuing since, but they foundered yesterday over price.

A formal statement read: "Christie's has engaged in discussions with SBC Warburg but the parties have not been able to agree a proposal which the board of Christie's would be able to recommend to shareholders."

The company will announce results for the year to December 31 this morning, and the market is expecting record pre-tax profits of more than £40 million, up from £33.9 million in 1996. The auctioneer had been looking for an offer worth at least £3 a share, or £500 million, while the consortium was unwilling to bid more than the current market price but wanted an agreed deal. Christie's shares closed at 265p, a rise of 5p, after reaching 276p following a premature report that a £3 offer had been received.

Warburg was acting on behalf of Mr Lewis, who had declined to use his stake as a platform to bid for the rest of the company, and a collection of up to a dozen wealthy individuals, thought to include John Latsis, the shipping tycoon. The bidders had argued that rising prices in the art world and the increasing capital risk to art houses taking on large collections for resale meant the business was unsuited to a publicly quoted company.

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City braced for Safeway gloom

BY FRASER NELSON

COLIN SMITH'S position as chief executive of Safeway came under increased pressure yesterday as the supermarket chain parted company with its trading director and braced the City for a dismal Christmas trading statement.

Safeway shares fell by 10½p, to 371½p, after the company said that George Charters is no longer head of category management after failing to "add value" to the post. Although Mr Charters is entitled to a £550,000 payoff, he is expected to settle for much less.

The City now expects Safeway to issue a mild profits warning on Tuesday, marking Mr Smith's last chance to steer the company to recovery. If no improvement is achieved at the half-year stage, City analysts expect him to resign.

The supermarket chain, Britain's fourth largest, will say that it lagged Sainsbury, Tesco and Asda over Christmas, with underlying growth staying around 2 per cent in the three months to mid-February.

Trading was held up by a breakdown in its central computer, which failed to process information from bar-code scanners. This led to empty shelves and late arrival of fresh food. Pricing problems made many goods too dear and others too cheap, and the range of food was out of kilter with target customers in key stores.

Although these matters fell under Mr Charters's remit, City analysts said that he has been used as a scapegoat.

Buffett Curse strikes Nike's share price

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

NIKE, the world's largest sports shoe company, has been by hit by what is known on Wall Street as the Buffett Curse.

Warren Buffett, the billionaire investor, is believed to have bought a stake in Nike and now a legion of small investors are following his example.

Nike shares rose 4 per cent yesterday after climbing 8 per cent on Tuesday. The Curse was triggered by a single report on a business television programme.

The last sector to suffer the Buffett Curse was silver. Mr Buffett, America's second wealthiest man after Bill Gates, declined to comment.

Botnar issues writ against Revenue

BY JASON NISSÉ

OCTAV BOTNAR, the former head of Nissan UK, yesterday issued a writ against the Inland Revenue claiming malicious prosecution in its criminal case against him, which was dropped last year because of Mr Botnar's ill health.

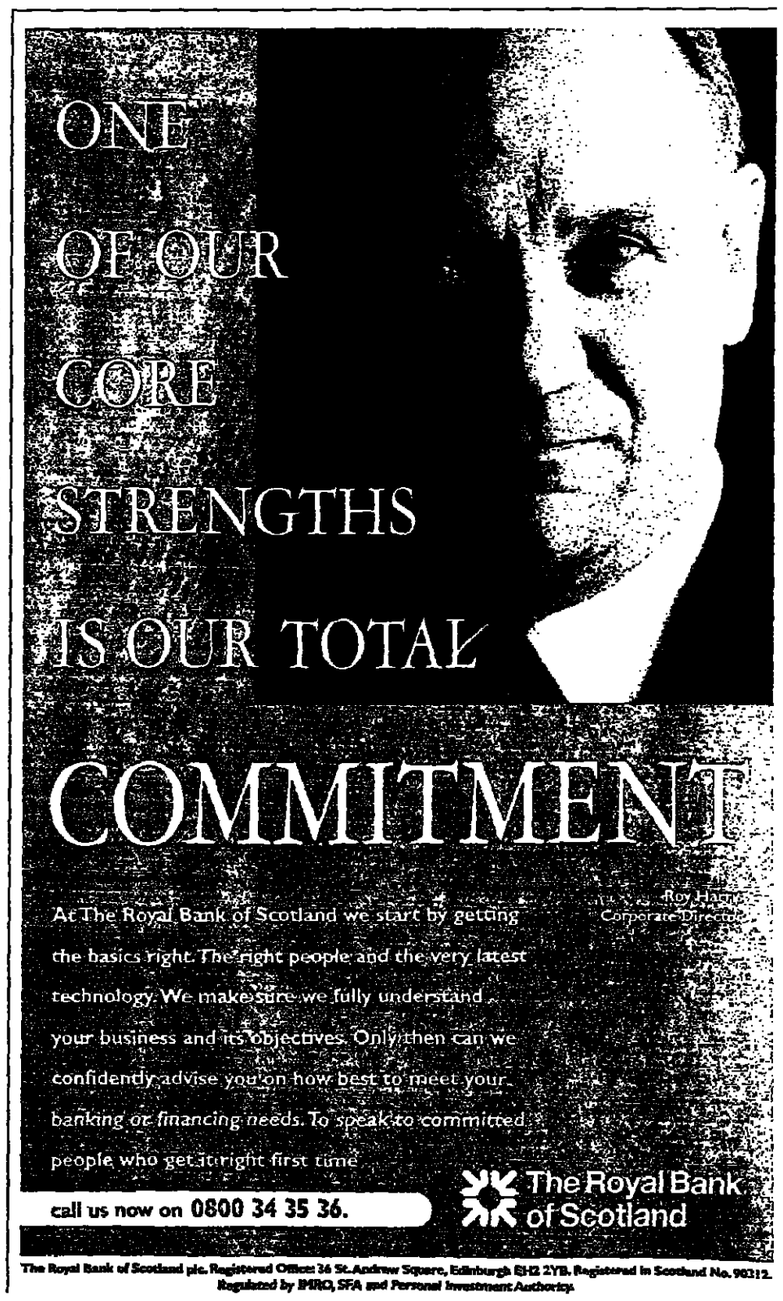
The 84-year-old, who said he was too ill to travel from Switzerland to appear in court, is asking for an early hearing of the civil case. He may even travel to London for the hearing, though it is likely that his lawyers will asked the court to allow a video link to his home near Geneva.

Mr Botnar's action claims damages from the Revenue and Bob Brown and Tom Cawdron, two officers from its Special Enforcement Office. Both have since left the Revenue and are now working for leading accountancy firms.

Mr Botnar alleges that the Revenue pursued a vendetta against him after launching the largest ever raid by Revenue officers at Nissan UK's offices in Worthing, Sussex in 1991. The Revenue's action led to two former Nissan UK directors being jailed for tax fraud and a settlement of tax claims worth £59 million by Nissan UK and Mr Botnar.

The action is unusual, but not unique. In the late 1970s Rossminster, a tax advice company, sued the Revenue for alleged malicious procurement of a search warrant.

The Revenue yesterday said it would defend Mr Botnar's action vigorously.



Waigel claims Indonesia will scrap currency board plan

BY ALASDAIR MURRAY
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THEO WAIGEL, the German Finance Minister, claimed yesterday that President Suharto is backing away from a controversial plan to introduce a currency board system to prop up Indonesia's ailing rupiah.

Herr Waigel, who had earlier met President Suharto, said that the Indonesian Government had promised a re-think on the plan.

Germany also said it would provide $200 million (£120 million) in aid to the country.

The International Monetary Fund, with US, German and British backing, has threatened to withdraw its $43 billion rescue fund if Indonesia goes ahead with a currency board.

However, there was no official confirmation from the Indonesian Government that it is dropping the currency board plan. Analysts expressed disbelief that President Suharto would cave in to international opinion just before the country's elections.

A currency board system aims to fix the exchange rate of the Indonesian rupiah by backing all the notes in circulation with hard currency. This would bolster the value of the rupiah, bailing out many heavily indebted companies with close links to the Suharto Government. The rupiah made small gains yesterday to close at 8,900 to the dollar.

The Indonesian crisis and continuing problems in other parts of Asia are likely to dominate discussions at the G7/G8 meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors in London this weekend.

Gordon Brown said yesterday that the G7 wanted to assess what lessons could be learnt from the crisis and in particular how to improve regulation of financial services. The Chancellor added that Britain was keen to push the idea of a code of conduct for fiscal and monetary policy to improve openness in economic decision-making. The G7/G8 meeting will also devote a day to discussing labour market reforms.

Gas power station gets green light

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY
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THE GOVERNMENT yesterday broke the moratorium on gas power stations made while the future of the coal industry was decided.

John Battle, Energy Minister, granted permission for a gas-fired combined heat and power (CHP) project to be built by British Sugar in Suffolk, in a move that is likely to herald other exemptions from the ban introduced just over two months ago amid the threat of pit closures.

Advisers at the Department of Trade and Industry have indicated that further exemptions for CHP schemes, which are fuel-efficient and environmentally friendly, are likely in the near future.

The move will be a blow for the coal industry despite widespread acknowledgment that the Government's ban on new gas stations threw environmentally desirable programmes into uncertainty.

Mr Battle approved British Sugar's plans for an 80 megawatt plant in Suffolk. He said: "This is exactly what the Government wants to see — industry getting more energy by investing in up-to-date, fuel-efficient technology."

Broader church at Bank watchdog

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS EDITOR

THE Government yesterday announced its recommendations for five new appointments to the Court of the Bank of England, broadening its membership to include a trade unionist, a consumer lobbyist and businessmen.

The appointments fulfil the Government's aim to make the Court, the governing body of the Bank, less City oriented and more representative of Britain as a whole, geographically and in terms of reflecting a spread of British industry.

New appointees have links with Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and also represent Britain's powerful utilities and financial services sectors as well as more traditional industries.

The two best known names to serve as non-executive directors are Bill Morris, General Secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Sheila McKechnie, Director of the Consumers' Association.

The three other appointments come from business. They are Graham Hawker of Hyder, the Welsh water and electricity power company, Jim Stretton, of Standard Life Assurance, and Roy Bailie, of W&G Baird, the printing company.

Howard Davies, Chairman of the Financial Services Authority, had already been named as a non-executive director.

Competition fears put pressure on US bid for T&N

BY CARL MORTISHED, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

CONCERN is growing that the bid for T&N from Federal-Mogul, the US automotive group, is being resisted by competition authorities in Europe and the US.

Federal-Mogul was forced to seek an extension from the Takeover Panel until March 6 due to delays in achieving clearance for its £1.5 billion bid. But it may be forced to ask the Panel for more time to complete the deal, which is under scrutiny due to its potential for creating a dominant supplier of bearings on both sides of the Atlantic.

Speculation is mounting that T&N, which yesterday revealed better than expected profits of £190 million for the year, could attract a late offer from a third party for all or part of the company. The Panel has indicated that a further extension might lead to shareholders being offered the option to withdraw their acceptance of the bid.

T&N's chairman, Sir Colin Hope, said yesterday that he and Dick Snell, Federal-Mogul's chairman, had prepared a disposal package of bearings businesses with sales of about $100 million aimed at satisfying the concerns of competition authorities. On the March 6 deadline, Sir Colin said: "Dick was more optimistic than I about the time it would take. It is looking tight."

Adding T&N's bearing business to Federal-Mogul would give the group almost 90 per cent of the US market but the US company needs to obtain approval in France, Italy, Germany and the UK. So far, it has secured no clearances. T&N last year turned a £388 million loss, due to asbestos provisioning in 1996, into a £190 million profit. Margins recovered into double digits and cash flow improved. All of T&N's businesses showed profit gains despite falling sales, with piston products showing the biggest rise, from £44 million to £51 million.

T&N's payout is 9.2p (3p) per share (3p), after a closing 3p as part of the Federal-Mogul offer.



Anthony Glossop, the chief executive, was yesterday named deputy chairman

St Modwen moves ahead

BY OUR CITY STAFF

ST MODWEN Properties raised pre-tax profits 16 per cent to £13.6 million in the year to November and raised its net asset value 21 per cent to 69p a share.

Stan Clarke, the chairman, said the current year had started well, the company having secured its largest ever pre-let, a 140,000 square feet property in Derby to Prudential Banking. Mr Clarke was "very confident about the company's future prospects", saying that the "stream of development profits will continue, particularly as the size of our land bank continues to grow".

Earnings grew 21 per cent to 8.2p and the total dividend rises 20 per cent, to 3.0p. The company has named Anthony Glossop, chief executive, as deputy chairman.

Meanwhile, Key Property Investment, a subsidiary of St Modwen, has bought two shopping centres in Hampshire from MEPC, the property company, for £34.3 million. In turn, MEPC bought the Birchwood Technology Park at Warrington, in Cheshire, for more than £20 million.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.55	2.39
Austria Sch	22.00	20.34
Belgium Fr	64.81	59.85
Canada $	2.488	2.298
Cyprus CypE	0.918	0.847
Denmark Kr	11.97	11.08
Finland Mkk	9.60	8.85
France Fr	10.47	9.69
Germany Dm	3.15	2.91
Greece Dr	497	458
Hong Kong $	13.55	12.35
Iceland	130	110
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.17
Israel Shk	6.30	5.65
Italy Lira	3119	2882
Japan Yen	222.13	204.90
Malta	0.585	0.526
Netherlds Gld	3.558	3.261
New Zealand $	2.98	2.74
Norway Kr	13.06	12.14
Portugal Esc	318.03	296.00
S Africa Rd	8.82	7.88
Spain Pta	264.29	245.50
Sweden Kr	14.10	13.00
Switzerland Fr	2.58	2.35
Turkey Lira	378834	358956
USA $	1.749	1.606

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

GGT loses Heineken over Omnicom bid

GGT GROUP said that it has been informed that one of its big clients, Heineken, the brewer, will be moving its account away from GGT's New York agency, Wells BDDP, to a new agency in early May. GGT said that Heineken is concerned that Omnicom's recommended offer for GGT may create conflicts of interest between its own account and that of the Omnicom client Anheuser Busch, the world's largest brewer.

Wells BDDP has apparently been informed that Tag Heuer International intends to withdraw its account. In addition, Chase Manhattan is to review all of its advertising relationships, and Wells BDDP has been invited to participate in this review. GGT said 60 staff supporting the Procter & Gamble account are to leave Wells BDDP to follow the client to its new agencies.

Greenwich deal signed

A CONSORTIUM headed by Taylor Woodrow and Countryside Properties has won the contract to build the millennium village in Greenwich which will be at the heart of the Millennium Dome celebrations. The consortium, which includes Moat Housing Group and Ujima Housing Association, will build nearly 1,400 homes for rent and private sale on a 32.3-acre development of prime residential land close to the millennium experience site.

Volvo in Samsung pact

VOLVO Construction Equipment has signed a letter of intent with Samsung Heavy Industries to acquire its construction equipment operations. The proposed acquisition includes Samsung Heavy Industries' factory in Changwong, South Korea, and the company's South Korean distribution network. The intention is that Samsung Heavy Industries retains a minority stake in the company. Samsung construction equipment has sales of around $700 million (£427 million).

Roxspur offer agreed

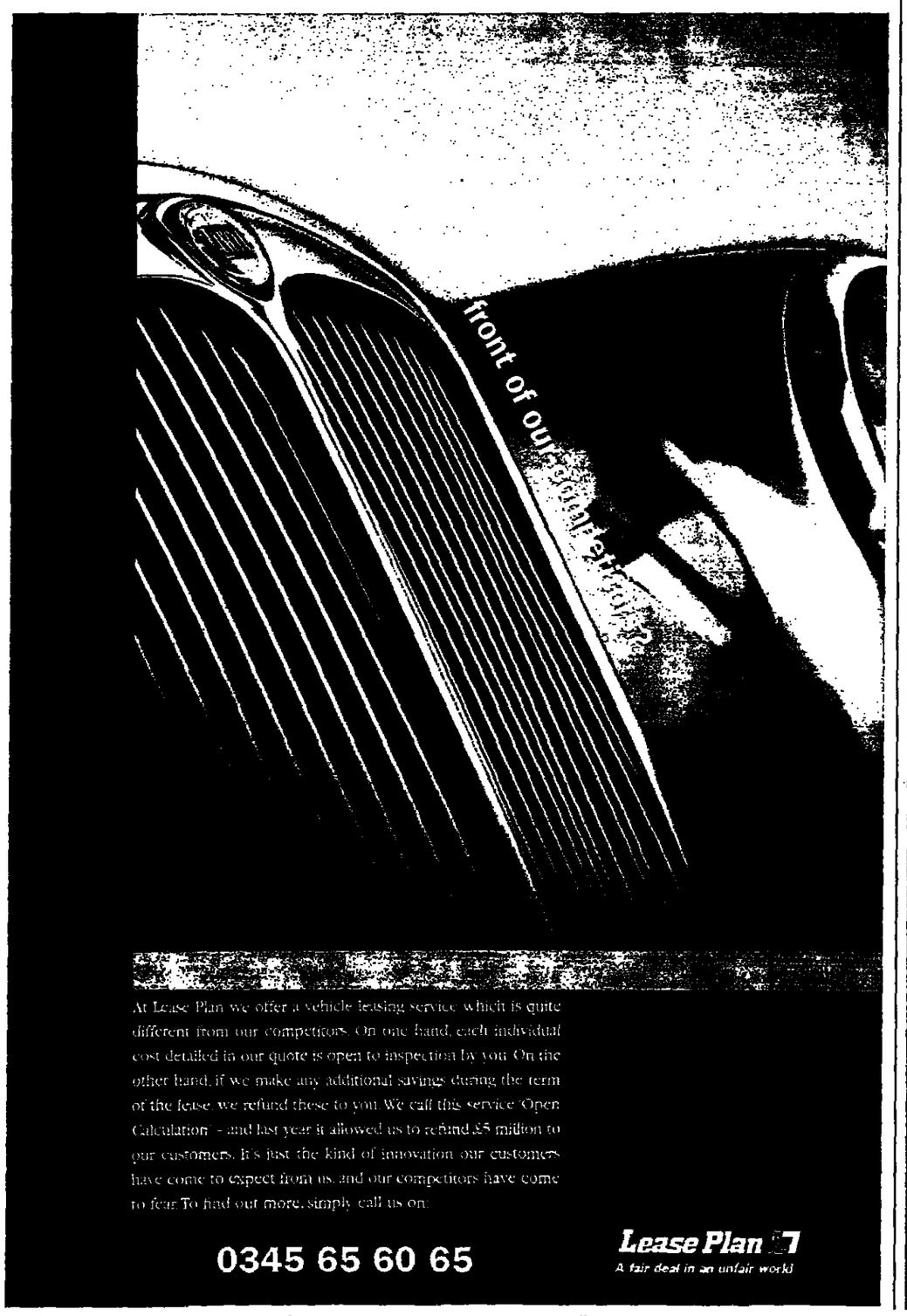
ROXSPUR, the engineering group, has made an agreed bid for Clayhithe, the electronic equipment group, worth 102p a share or £30.3 million. Roxspur also revealed a rise in first half pre-tax profits from £711,000 to £1.06 million. Earnings rose from 0.21p to 0.28p although there is again no interim dividend. The ordinary offer will be on the basis of 11.027 Roxspur shares for each Clayhithe share. Clayhithe shares were unchanged at 95½p.

Energy bid approved

PACIFICORP, the US utility bidding £4.05 billion for The Energy Group, yesterday cleared its final regulatory hurdle in the US. The company won backing for its bid from the Federal Trade Commission after an earlier "handshake" agreement that depended on PacifiCorp selling some coal assets from Peabody Coal. The Energy Group owns the UK's Eastern Group electricity business and the US's Peabody Coal. Texas Utilities is in talks with Energy over a potential rival bid.

KFC in Welcome Break

KFC, the former Kentucky Fried Chicken chain, has signed a deal that will see it opening at the majority of Welcome Break's 21 motorway service areas within two years. KFC, owned by Tricon Restaurants International, expects the deal to generate annual sales of £20 million. Welcome Break is reorganising its service areas around nationally recognised brands. Nigel Patterson, chief operating officer, said: "We are finalising deals with a number of well-known brands."



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Playing chicken with interest

COMMENTARY
by our City Editor

Britain's high streets were booming in January but it certainly was not a bonanza for retailers who only achieved volume by desperately shredding their margins. It was clear in the run-up to Christmas that consumers were playing a game of chicken with retailers, zipping their wallets firmly shut in the hope of pre-Christmas sales. They got exactly as they wanted as retailers panicked. The same story, writ large, can be told of January when sales jumped but sales discounts hit all time records.

Yesterday's figures will be seized upon by interest rate hawks who are worried that the British consumer shows no sign of feeling the ill-effects of successive rises in interest rates even as the evidence grows that manufacturing industry, and particularly exporters, suffer from the strength of the pound and the chill winds blowing in from strapped Asian economies.

This combination could not be worse for the overall balance of the economy. Weak exports coupled with strong domestic demand spells trouble ahead for Britain's balance of payments.

It could be argued that there is very little wrong with British men and women spending some of the fruits of their hard work after six years of economic recovery, as long as it does not lead to dangerous inflationary pressures in the economy. Given that January saw underlying inflation hit the Government's target for the first time since May, this seems to be the case.

Nevertheless, there is a clear and growing dilemma for policymakers whether they are sitting on the Monetary Policy Committee or in the Chancellor's office at the Treasury. We already know that three out of eight on the MPC wanted rates raised in January. They are unlikely to have changed their minds and yesterday's sales figures may now persuade some of the current doves to join them.

But raising rates is a bad strategy. It has the potential of pushing the pound even higher and exacerbating the problems of our exporters. It also has the perverse effect of raising the headline rate of inflation, which includes mortgage interest payments, just at a time when the spring round of wage negotiations is getting underway. Wage negotiators still look at the headline rate as a guide to settlements and a rate rise now would exacerbate the very wage pressures that are the main worry for doves and hawks alike.

The Chancellor, who delivers his Budget next month, also has a problem. The best policy for developing more balance in the economy would be a large tax rise that would rein in the consumer without hitting industry. But figures early this week showed that the public finances are in a state of embarrassingly rude health and likely significantly to undershoot Treasury projections.

Gordon Brown already has a reputation as a parsimonious Scot without announcing a large tax rise when the Government's deficit is fast disappearing.

Safeway offers sacrificial lamb

Shortly after Christmas, the Safeway store nearest the offices of *The Times* in Wapping had a rather unusual January sale. Piles and piles of mince pies were discounted heavily in the hope of attracting those who had not overindulged in Yuletide gluttony and were on the hunt for a bargain. This was not another case of retailers playing chicken with shoppers. it was a simple case of overordering and poor marketing by the weakest of the big four supermarket chains. So it is hardly surprising that yesterday the guillotine that appears to be erected at Safeway's Middlesex headquarters slammed down on the exposed neck of George Charters, the group's former managing director of marketing and trading.

According to Safeway, Mr Charters's job disappeared. He was squeezed between the technical know-how of Colin Smith, the chief executive with the accountancy background, and the marketing brilliance of Roger Partington, the so-called whizkid (though he is actually 41) who oversaw the Harry & Molly campaign. It seems more that he is a scapegoat, sent over the cliff with up to £550,000 in his pocket, to show that Safeway is really concerned about its current trading and is doing something about it. The fear in the marketplace is that next week's Christmas trading statement will be every bit as awful as that produced by J Sainsbury.

Unlike Sainsbury, though, Safeway's statement will not have any redeeming features. Indeed this piece of bad news will come on top of the profits warning in November, which is now also blamed on the hapless Mr Charters. Then it was claimed that a computer crash in August had thrown all the buying for the stores out of sync, which led to a shortage of fresh food in some stores and mispricing elsewhere. Then Mr Charters was reclassified as "category management director", a term so vague that the position would not be missed if it disappeared.

The question is, will Mr Charters's departure change anything? Safeway's problems stem not from who is on the board, but who is missing — namely anyone with a real idea of how to compete with the likes of Tesco. The City views Safeway as a sitting duck, merely waiting for time that Asda strikes. Perhaps it is time for a defensive merger, and the most obvious target has to be Wm Morrison, the supermarkets group based in Yorkshire and which makes up for its lack of size with a wealth of inspiration.

Rolls-Royce driven by BMW

If you were organising an auction of Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, you could hardly have handled it in a more ham-fisted fashion than Vickers. Let's start with the announcement of the disposal, coming only a few days after Vickers' results announcement at which the Sir Colin Chandler, chairman, denied there would be any such sale. This appeared to be tied up with the agressive bid from Mayflower, which Vickers expertly smoked out and fought off, showing that in some instances the engineering group can be pretty good at this old corporate finance game.

Going back to Rolls-Royce, Vickers slipped up by not sorting out with Rolls-Royce plc beforehand who owns the brand name, so causing avoidable interference. Vickers then let the sale process drag on indefinitely, claiming there were half a dozen interested parties. Yet all along it has been going forwards with the development of a new range of cars, powered by BMW engines. If this did not put BMW enough in the driving seat on this deal, then the revelation yesterday that the BMW-powered Rolls-Royce will be launched in the next fortnight put the steering wheel and the gear stick in the hands of the boys from Munich.

If the other bidders had not been scared off before, they almost certainly will be now. Vikckers much hoped that BMW is feeling generous. Otherwise the auction of such a prestige marque will command a good £100 million less than the £400 million Vickers had hoped.

On the block

THE attempt by SBC Warburg Dillon Read to take Christie's private has failed. But it cannot be the last. The nature of auctioneers is that they are taking increasing balance sheet risk and this makes them less suitable to be public companies. Investors find it hard to understand Christie's and its even more volatile rival, Sotherbys, and will not value them as highly as those that are closest to them — their managements.

Kroll finds itself under scrutiny in court case

BY ADAM JONES

THE cloak-and-dagger mystique of Kroll Associates, the corporate detective agency, faces public scrutiny after a row with former directors spilled over into the High Court in London.

Kroll, which is based in New York, was hit by staff defections in Europe last year after a merger with O'Gara, an American public company that manufactures armoured cars.

Some senior employees, including Arish Turle, who ran Kroll's European operations, left the Kroll agency to set up a business intelligence and corporate investigation firm called Risk Advisory Group, operating in London.

Kroll Associates UK has now issued a High Court writ against four former directors, who all work for Risk Advisory Group now. The writ claims damages for alleged breach of employment contract and alleged breach of fiduciary duty.

The directors targeted in the writ are: Mr Turle, a former member of the SAS who co-founded the Control Risks group; Bill Waite, a former Serious Fraud Office lawyer; Richard Bradley, the former chairman of Kroll Associates Europe; and David Crichton-Miller, a former McKinsey consultant.

Kroll has also accused Mr Turle of "fraudulent misrepresentations" in conversations that took place with Jules Kroll, the founder of the international agency, and Michael Cherkasky, the current president and chief operating officer of Kroll Associates.

It is seeking to rescind a contract dated September 17, 1997, claiming breach of duty and misrepresentation, and recover unspecified sums already paid.

Kroll is also seeking to rescind 1997 contracts with Mr Waite and Mr Bradley, alleging breach of duty, and to recover unspecified sums already paid to the men.

Mr Turle, for his part, is suing Jules Kroll, claiming that he is due £165,000. He alleged the money was part of an orally agreed sum of £325,000 to buy out an entitlement to 10 per cent of the Kroll Associates UK shareholder equity.

He is also suing Kroll Associates UK, claiming that he is due £485,000 for the termination of his contract.

A spokesman for Kroll Associates said: "Since this is a pending court matter, we would not comment." Risk Advisory Group would not offer any comment yesterday either.



Airtours said margins for the winter season would be affected by the disruption to its Egypt and fly-cruise programmes after the terrorist attack at Luxor

Stronger demand for holidays lifts shares in Airtours

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

SHARES in Airtours, the UK's second largest tour operator, rose 6p to 423½p yesterday on news of growing demand for winter and summer holidays, and despite reporting bigger than expected losses for its first quarter.

The market was cheered by comments from the company that winter holiday sales within the UK were up 8 per cent on last year because customers were making the most of sterling's strength. Demand for summer holidays is expected to grow by 6 per cent overall this year.

The operator warned the market, however, that margins for the winter season would be affected by the disruption to its Egypt and fly-cruise programmes after the terrorist attack at Luxor. Airtours has scrapped its programme to Egypt and moved its cruise ship MS Seawing to the Canary Islands.

Tim Byrne, finance director, said: "It will not have a major effect on profits but we do have to write to customers to tell them of the changed cruise itinerary and if they want their money back we have to sell the product in the lates market."

Overall the group's turnover for the quarter rose by 22 per cent to £463 million.

Airtours said that seasonal losses before tax in the three months ending December 31 1997 were £17.3 million against a loss of £12.1 million in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. Analysts had been expecting losses of £15 million.

Airtours said that pre-tax losses for the North American Leisure Group had deepened from £1.9 million to £3.3 million because of the seasonal losses incurred by Suntrips and Sunquest in California which were included in group figures for the first time.

In Scandinavia margins were lower because of higher marketing and development costs in Finland and Poland, flight delay costs and lower demand during the summer. Overall, losses before tax were £2 million against a £2.5 million profit last year.

Bankers prop up Ronson

SHARES in Ronson, the cigarette lighter manufacturer, fell a further 2½p to 4½p yesterday after the company admitted that it was being propped up by its bankers as it awaited an emergency funding package (Chris Ayres writes).

The announcement came after the rejection last week of a £4.5 million offer for the company from a management buyout team and a venture capitalist. Shaun Dowling, Ronson's chairman, was known to be unimpressed by the offer.

Sources close to Ronson yesterday said that if its major shareholder, Albion Consortium Fund, did not underwrite an emergency rights issue, the company was likely to collapse.

Ronson said that it expected an announcement to be made on the subject this week or next.

Southnews buys titles from United

BY KATHY LIPARI

UNITED News & Media, owner of *The Express*, yesterday completed the first stage of its plan to offload its regional newspaper assets with a £47.5 million deal for the sale of its southern titles to Southnews.

It is understood that Southnews beat four other bidders for the business involving 28 free titles covering the London and South East market, first put up for sale over a year ago. Media sources suggested that Newsquest, Independent Newspapers and Johnston Press may also have submitted bids.

Southnews said it would fund the purchase through a combination of a placing and open offer of 4.8 million new shares at 435p on the basis of three shares for every ten, which would raise £19.6 million, and borrowings.

United made no comment about the progress of the sale of its northern regional titles, including the *Yorkshire Post*, which remain on the auction block along with its Spanish magazines.

It is believed that Trinity International Holdings, the regional newspaper publisher, and Candover Investments and CVC Capital Partners, the venture capital groups, are still bidding for the northern titles. However, there are concerns that a deal with Trinity may encounter difficulties with the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Merrill Lynch, the broker, said the northern assets are worth up to £360 million, and the Spanish titles £50 million.

Southnews also said that it expected profit before tax to be at least £7.2 million for the year to March 28, in line with expectations, up from £5.9 million in 1997.

Thriving Ireland lifts AIB

ALLIED Irish Banks yesterday singled out the Irish Republic's thriving economy as a major factor behind a 38 per cent rise in pre-tax profits (Richard Miles writes).

The Irish Republic, whose gross domestic product grew by 10 per cent last year, accounted for 40 per cent of AIB's 1997 profits of Ir£580 million (£501 million). Lending rose by 19 per cent, and retail deposits in the country increased by 12 per cent.

The bank said that it will continue to trawl the UK market for possible acquisitions, although Declan McSweeney, chief financial officer, said that it had been discouraged by the high prices commanded in the market.

Operating income rose by 29 per cent, to Ir£1.68 billion. AIB is increasing its final dividend by 20 per cent, to Ir10.9p, making a total dividend of Ir17.1p.

Starwood chief gets his $37m

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

SHAREHOLDERS of Starwood Lodging, the US investment trust, yesterday approved the takeover of ITT, owners of the Sheraton hotel chain.

This final step made Starwood the world's largest hotel group and triggered an instant $37 million (£22.4 million) windfall for Barry Sternlicht, its chief executive. A group of top executives will receive a total of $200 million straight away.

The fat cat bonanza sparked a wave of criticism in America, where million-dollar pay packages are usually deemed fair. The bone of contention is that Starwood's executives are instantly allowed to redeem share options aimed at tying them to the company for years.

Compensation specialists emphasised the point of share option schemes is to discourage resignations by rewarding long-term performance.

Graef Crystal, a compensation specialist, said: "The whole idea is that there is never a point when you can quit and not lose something — they're called golden handcuffs. It's like the executives are giving themselves a pat on the back for taking over."

The bonanza is the result of a restructuring of the share option scheme following the takeover, which allows executives to cash in existing options before signing a new, even more profitable options plan.

ITT executives will also receive a windfall. Around 650 employees will share $110 million. Rand Araskog, ITT chairman, secured a $55 million golden good-bye when Hilton Hotels started a takeover battle for ITT a year ago. ITT shareholders approved the deal on Tuesday.

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STOCK MARKET



MICHAEL CLARK

Stock Market Writer of the Year

Speculators help shares to another closing high

SHARE prices extended their record-breaking run but showed signs of running out of steam towards the close.

The limited gains on Wall Street overnight provided for a hesitant start in London, with investors left wondering how much longer the market can maintain this sort of pace. But another flurry of speculative activity and a rally by the Dow Jones industrial average after an early markdown, had blue chips up and running again.

The FTSE 100 Index staged a 53.3 turnround before closing 13.9 up at a high of 5,723.4. Total turnover reached almost 900 million shares.

Woolwich confounded the analysts with maiden profits showing a bigger than expected rise in pre-tax profits last year. Shareholders also had cause to celebrate, with a special dividend payment of 6.5p and news that the company wants permission to buy back its own shares. The shares responded with a leap of 24¼p to a high of 395¼p.

Brokers maintain that the Woolwich is overvalued on fundamentals but the prospect of a bid continues to underpin the shares.

Elsewhere in the banking sector there was the usual speculative buying. **Abbey National** grew 41p to £12.85, **Alliance & Leicester** 49½p to 955½p, **Bank of Scotland** 34p to 691p, and **Royal Bank of Scotland** 35p to 987p.

British Telecom was the heaviest traded share among the top 100, with more than 27 million changing hands as the price added 10p at 600p. It followed a dinner on Tuesday with Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, at which the management appeared in an upbeat mood. The company was confident about prospects despite doubts in the City about international strategy. It expects its large capital expenditure programme in Europe to start bearing fruit soon.

RJB Mining slipped 3p to a low of 102p despite PDFM buying a further 4 million shares to lift its holding to 22.2 million shares, or 15.2 per cent.

Several large sellers left **EMI Group** nursing a fall of 11½p at 479½p. A line of 1 million shares went through at 483p. There was also a line of 700,000 shares at 489p. EMI has been a depressed market since demerging from Thorn, with the price down by more than a third. A total of 4.03 million shares had changed hands by the close.



With the Woolwich: John Stewart, left, and Sir Brian Jenkins

Christie's International touched 276p before retreating to finish the day 5p dearer at 265p. The shares are expected to open sharply lower this morning following confirmation after the close of business last night that the SBC Warburg Dillon Read consortium bid had collapsed. Word is the consortium had failed to come up with the 300p a share offer.

Compass Group bounced back with a jump of 31p at 860p. It follows the decision of Accor, the French hotelier, to sell 16.45 million shares, or just over half it's 9.7 per cent stake in Compass. Speculators claim **Rentokil Initial**, down 2p at 292½p, may be ready to step in and acquire the stake. They have convinced themselves that Rentokil is gearing itself up to make a sizeable acquisition having already been linked to ISS International, the Danish cleaning group.

Speculative buying pushed **Arjo Wiggins Appleton** 9p higher to 167½p as Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, raised its recommendation for the shares from "hold" to "buy". There has been stories that rival International Paper wants to buy the 40 per cent stake held by Worms and Compagnie.

After suffering a "sell" recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker, last week, **Courtaulds** rose 11p to 274½p as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson moved its recommendation from "hold" to "buy".

Morgan Stanley, the US securities house, has raised its target price for **LucasVarity** to 240p from 220p. Rival SBC Warburg Dillon Read has also been pushing the stock to clients. The shares finished 4p better at 222p.

United News & Media firmed 2p to 687p after selling it's regional newspaper arm USP to **Southnews** for £47.5 million. Southnews put on 6p at 465p.

Parambe stood out with a jump of 22p to 93½p as speculation that a major capital injection is about to be announced intensified. Word is a well-known restaurant chain is ready to reverse into the investment shell.

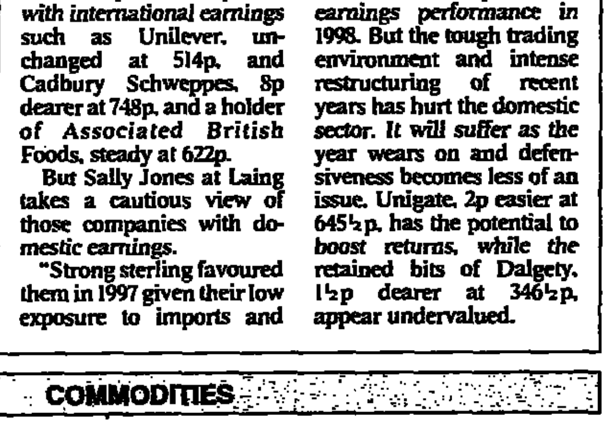
Capital Radio stood out in a thin market with a leap of 25p at 615p. One buyer was lucky enough to snap up a line of 550,000 shares at 603p.

Williams de Broe, the broker, is excited about prospects for **Euro Sales Finance**, which was one of the best performers on the day with a leap of 82½p at 292½p. The broker has set a target price for the shares of 400p.

☐ **GILT EDGED:** Revived fears that interest rates may have to rise undermined the bond market with prices suffering falls stretching to £½. The surge in Retail Sales fuelled fears that inflationary pressure will have to be tackled by the Bank of England before too long.

In the futures pit, the March series of the Long Gilt fell £$^{11}/_{32}$ to £123$^{29}/_{32}$, while in the cash market Treasury 7.25 per cent 2007 finished £$^{5}/_{16}$ easier at £109$^{17}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** Wall Street shares moved higher as profit-taking eased. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 36.37, at 8,434.87, at midday.



THERE is a mixed message emerging from the latest review of the food manufacturers from Credit Lyonnais Laing, the broker. It is a buyer of companies with international earnings such as Unilever, unchanged at 514p, and Cadbury Schweppes, 8p dearer at 748p, and a holder of **Associated British Foods**, steady at 622p.

But Sally Jones at Laing takes a cautious view of those companies with domestic earnings.

"Strong sterling favoured them in 1997 given their low exposure to imports and exports and high exposure to falling raw material prices," says Jones.

Sterling's strength and the crisis in Asia will continue to underpin their earnings performance in 1998. But the tough trading environment and intense restructuring of recent years has hurt the domestic sector. It will suffer as the year wears on and defensiveness becomes less of an issue. Unigate, 2p easier at 645½p, has the potential to boost returns, while the retained bits of Dalgety, 1½p dearer at 346½p, appear undervalued.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	8434.87 (+36.37)
S&P Composite	1029.81 (+7.05)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	16613.89 (-176.82)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10670.95 (+438.93)
Amsterdam:	
AEX Index	1016.30 (+9.80)
Sydney:	
AO	2661.2 (+4.20)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	4628.83 (+26.43)
Singapore:	
Straits	1538.98 (+42.08)
Brussels:	
General	15722.89 (+32.75)
Paris:	
CAC-40	3281.71 (+1.26)
Zurich:	
SKA Gen	1383.50 (-4.10)
London:	
FT 30	3495.7 (-2.4)
FTSE 100	5723.4 (+13.9)
FTSE 250	5015.0 (+7.2)
FTSE 350	2721.2 (+6.1)
FTSE Eurotop 100	2550.82 (+3.49)
FTSE All-Share	2648.77 (+5.82)
FTSE Non Financials	2603.71 (-4.70)
FTSE Fixed Interest	139.89 (-0.07)
FTSE Govt Secs	103.93 (-0.17)
Bargains	70614
SEAQ Volume	878.3m
US$	1.6413 (+0.0086)
German Mark	2.9865 (+0.0075)
Exchange Index	105.1 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.5124
£:SDR	1.2135
RPI	159.5 Jan (3.3%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	157.7 Jan (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Athlone Extrusions	95	...
Bass B	95	...
Diageo B	517½	...
Eurosov Energy	93½	...
Monsoon	191½	- 1
Richards Group	60½	...
Sanctuary Warrants	4½	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Minerva n/p (190)	12	...
Pentex Engy n/p (185)	1	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Xenova	225p (+31p)
HK Land	120p (+11½p)
Bank Scotland	691p (+34p)
Mersey Docks	536½p (+24p)
Rank Gp	333p (+14½p)
Hutch Whamp	408p (+17½p)
Capital Radio	615p (+25p)
Courtaulds	274½p (+11p)
Railtrack	900p (+35p)
Ryl Bk Scot	987p (+35p)
Atkins WS	446p (+14p)
Jarvis	529p (+16½p)
Royal & Sun Al	740p (+21p)
BBA	406½p (+10p)
BAA	558p (+13p)
Halifax	940p (+21½p)
Bulmer (HP)	395p (+9p)
Legal & Gen	718p (+16p)
Blacks Leis	475p (+10½p)
FALLS:	
Ranger	377½ (-18p)
RMC Gp	835p (-37p)
Old Eng Pub	297½p (-13p)
Utd Biscuits	256p (-10p)
Kwik Save	299p (-10p)
AEA Tech	605p (-18½p)
Hanson	287p (-8½p)
Safeway	372p (-10p)
Blue Circle	338p (-8p)
Greene King	731½p (-16p)
Smiths Inds	862p (-18p)
Scot & New	862p (-18p)
Br Airways	560p (-10p)
Smithkline	824p (-13p)
Securicor	360p (-9p)

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TEMPUS

Which way Woolwich?

WOOLWICH wooed the market yesterday with a £100 million special dividend, but it is difficult to see where the newly converted bank is heading. It defied City forecasts that profits would remain flat, but only thanks to a little tinkering with the accounts.

If one strips out the effect of an extended year end — the life assurance figures are for 15 months — and a string of interest rate rises in the second half, a very different picture emerges. Indeed, Woolwich appears to be lagging behind the 6 per cent growth rate of its core mortgage savings market.

Although the near-halving of net lending and a £595 million decrease in retail profits can both be put down to the so-called conversion effect, the 9 per cent decline in gross lending is worrying. Woolwich's share of UK new gross lending now stands at 4.6 per cent, significantly below its share of UK mortgage assets.

So where is future growth to come from? John Stewart, chief executive, has effectively ruled out acquisitions because of high prices in the marketplace. Instead, his hopes are pinned on organic growth and joint ventures, as well as continued expansion on the Continent. The City's bank-watchers are unconvinced.

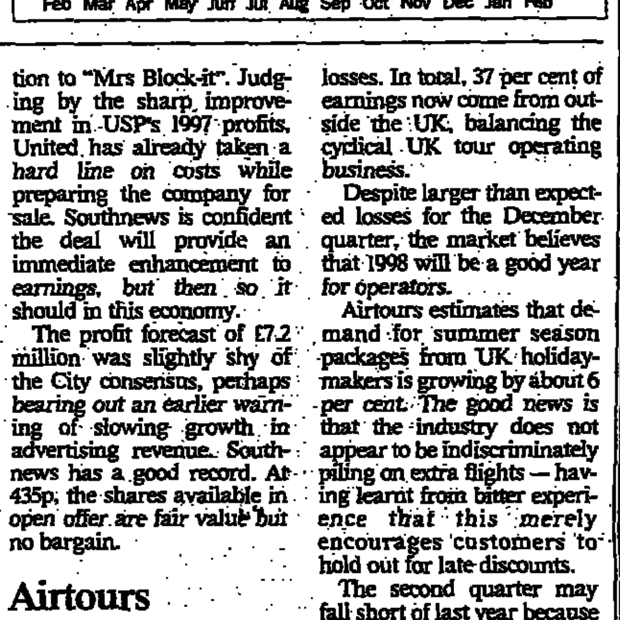
Meanwhile, Woolwich is sitting on a mountain of cash. At 12.8 per cent, its tier 1 ratio, the key regulatory measure, is ridiculously high; the cash has to come out of the business somehow, and you can bet that it won't be passed on to customers through lower prices now that the organisation is no longer a mutual. Investors should think hard whether they still want to be with the Woolwich. This looks a good time to sell.

Mersey Docks

FIGURES from Mersey Docks show that it matters less how much tonnage you put through your port but what kind of tonnage and what sort of deal you do with your shipping clients. Volumes were barely up but the ports group achieved a 10 per cent rise in operating profits before the £10 million pay-off to the striking dockers.

With the dispute finally over, Mersey Docks will probably push ahead with further manpower reductions on a softly-softly basis. The company is one of the few ports to employ union labour — its big brother ABP hardly employs a docker, leaving all such work to the the shippers. That is not to say that future prospects rest on cost reduction: Mersey Docks' indicators suggest traffic is rising. Having defeated Forth Ports in an acrimonious dispute over development of a Ro-Ro terminal at Birkenhead, Mersey has taken this over and is building it alongside its own scheme in Liverpool's Trafalgar Docks. Mersey once sought to scupper the Birkenhead scheme but now claims that 75 per cent of capacity in both Irish Sea terminals is pre-sold. That bodes well for the future.

Mersey is also preparing to dip its toe into foreign ports, bidding for a contract on a grain terminal in Mombasa and competing for the contract to rebuild the port of Maputo in Mozambique. Mersey has climbed far since it stopped fighting the dockers but it has further to go.



Southnews

THE £47.5 million purchase of United Southern Publications, owner of the Informer and Yellow Advertiser series of free newspapers, is a big move for Southnews. Having complained about the price of local newspaper businesses, Southnews has swallowed its pride and is paying nearly 1.9 times turnover for USP.

The prize is a business that will be the market leader in the London region. Neither Southnews nor USP has the greatest selection of titles. Bringing the two portfolios together should create a more robust business better able to withstand the next downturn in the advertising cycle.

First, though, Southnews will have to persuade Margaret Beckett and the Monopolies and Mergers Commission not to interfere.

Greater concentrations of local newspaper ownership already exist elsewhere, but a London media deal may prove an irresistable temptation to "Mrs Block-it". Judging by the sharp improvement in USP's 1997 profits, United has already taken a hard line on costs while preparing the company for sale. Southnews is confident the deal will provide an immediate enhancement to earnings, but then so it should in this economy.

The profit forecast of £7.2 million was slightly shy of the City consensus, perhaps bearing out an earlier warning of slowing growth in advertising revenue. Southnews has a good record. At 435p, the shares available in open offer are fair value but no bargain.

Airtours

Airtours' aggressive strategy of expanding its business outside the UK has so far paid off. However, there is a price to pay while new acquisitions are sorted out, and the North American companies, Suntrips and Sunquest, contributed to deeper first quarter losses. In total, 37 per cent of earnings now come from outside the UK, balancing the cyclical UK tour operating business.

Despite larger than expected losses for the December quarter, the market believes that 1998 will be a good year for operators.

Airtours estimates that demand for summer season packages from UK holidaymakers is growing by about 6 per cent. The good news is that the industry does not appear to be indiscriminately piling on extra flights — having learnt from bitter experience that this merely encourages customers to hold out for late discounts.

The second quarter may fall short of last year because Easter, when prices and margins are high, will fall into the third quarter. But while Airtours keeps the balance of volumes and margins right, the stock remains a good long-term bet.

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COMMODITIES

LIFFE

COCOA

Mar	1008-1007	May	1150-1147
May	1032-1031	Jul	unq
Jul	1055-1053	Sep	—
Sep	1076-1075	Dec	—
Dec	1103-1102		
Mar	1132-1130	Volume:	3415

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1765-1760	Nov	unq
May	1735 SLR	Jan	—
Jul	1707-1701	Mar	1625 SLR
Sep	1688-1681	Volume:	5603

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	289.9-87.9
Spot: 280.6		Mar	297.5-95.0
May	281.0-80.5	May	290.0-87.0
Aug	286.0-85.1	Aug	305.0-98.0
Oct	287.0-86.3	Volume:	2024

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 17

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	64.36	79.10	98.42
(+/-)	-3.28	-1.93	-0.53
Eng/Wales:	64.77	79.12	96.93
(+/-)	-3.20	-2.13	-0.97
(%)	-11.0	-3.7	-10.0
Scotland:	66.54	78.99	92.80
(+/-)	-3.94	-1.28	+0.32
(%)	-18.0	-19.0	+3.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.90	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Apr)	14.70	+0.25
Brent 15 day (May)	15.10	+0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	15.95	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (May)	16.15	+0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	163 (-1)	166 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	134 (+2)	135 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (-1)	61 (-1)
Naphtha	151 (-3)	154 (-2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Mar	137.25-37.50	Jun	143.50-43.75
Apr	139.00 BID	Jul	146.50 SLR
May	141.25-41.50		Vol: 16866

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	14.71-14.72	Jul	15.62-15.70
May	15.06-15.09	Aug	15.91 BID
Jun	15.41-15.42		Vol. 32509

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

LIFFE WHEAT (close £/t)		LIFFE BARLEY (close £/t)	
Mar	74.70	Mar	74.40
May	81.80	May	76.40
Jul	83.80	Sep	78.15
Sep	80.75	Nov	80.15
Nov	82.75	Jan	82.15
Volume: 198		Volume: 35	

LIFFE POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Mar	unq	70.0
Apr	72.0	72.0
May	unq	93.0
		Volume: 14

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Mar 52.75-53.25

LIFFE BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 98	1010	1000	1010
Mar 98	1145	1120	1140
Apr 98	1200	1175	1195
Jul 98	1035	1020	1035

Vol: 279 lots Open Interest: 1603
Index 967 +18

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol:
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1638.0-1638.5	1665.0-1666.0	1551550
Lead ($/tonne)	505.00-506.00	522.00-523.00	239175
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1021.0-1022.0	1046.5-1047.0	948050
Tin ($/tonne)	5275.0-5280.0	5295.0-5300.0	30780
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1448.0-1448.5	1463.0-1464.0	3213350
Nickel ($/tonne)	5320.0-5325.0	5415.0-5420.0	190962

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
ASDA	180	20½	27	32	3	7	9½
(*195)	200	8	16	22	11	15½	18½
Abbey Nat	1250	54	139½	177	61	87	114
(*1282½)	1300	69	114½	152½	86½	112	139
All&Lec	950	57	36½	104	41	67½	79
(*955½)	1000	36	64	81½	79	95½	106
Allid Dom	500	61½	73½	81½	11	25	25½
(*544½)	550	32	46	56	32	45	48
BAA	550	30	46	62½	23½	35	41½
(*556)	600	11½	24½	41	53½	63½	69½
BAT Ind	550	46½	61	75	20	32	46
(*530½)	600	20	33	52½	46½	60	72½
Barclays	1850	97½	164	196½	102	139½	161½
(*1821)	1900	59	121	153½	163½	197½	218
Bass	950	53	83½	104½	26	49	60
(*921½)	1013	31½	56	76	56	78½	87½
Boots	900	60½	13½	102½	23½	45½	57
(*923)	950	37	52	77	53	70½	81½
Br Airways	550	37	54	72½	21	37½	44½
(*552)	600	17	32	50½	48	64½	72½
BP	800	44½	72½	89½	32½	49	56
(*806½)	850	23½	50½	67	61	76½	85
Br Steel	140	8½	12½	16	7	13½	15½
(*140)	160	2½	5	8½	21	27	29
C&W	600	69	86½	105	17	31	33½
(*648)	650	41	60½	82	37½	54	67½
CU	1050	99	143	171½	43½	72	100
(*1111)	1100	71	113	147½	67½	98	125
Glaxo	1900	129	199	251	78	115	146½
(*1945)	2000	91	150½	202	131½	166	205½
HSBC	1700	163	245	281	96	156	179½
(*1778½)	1800	115½	198	234½	147½	207½	230
Halifax	900	72	109	121	35½	53	62½
(*940½)	950	47	84½	96	58½	77½	87½
ICI	1050	80	92	114½	42	62½	78½
(*1077½)	1100	37	66½	89½	69	87	104
Land Sec	1050	79	98	121	26½	42	54
(*1094)	1100	50	70	94½	47	65	77
M&S	550	47½	59	71½	11½	22½	30½
(*577½)	600	20	34	46½	36	48	56
Nat Pwr	600	65	80	92	17½	27½	37
(*647)	650	36	52½	67	31½	50½	61
Nat West	1150	69½	110	129½	74	97½	115
(*1150½)	1200	52	88	120	105	126	143
Reuters	588	62½	70½	94	24½	40½	49
(*624½)	645	27½	43½	66½	54½	73	76
R&Sun	700	63½	89½	107	30	45	57
(*743)	750	36	64½	82½	54½	70	81½
Safeway	360	26½	35½	48	13½	21½	24½
(*371½)	390	13½	22½	34½	29½	38	43½
Sainsbury	460	23	35	45½	16½	30½	36
(*460)	500	8	20	29	42½	55	60
Shell	390	38	45	54½	9	17½	23
(*414)	420	18	29	39	20½	31½	37½
Smkl Bch	800	65½	96	122	30	54	68
(*829)	850	40½	71½	98	53	79	92½
Std Char	700	64½	106	127½	48½	77	89
(*721½)	750	42½	83	101	76	103½	115½
Thames W	850	52½	75	84½	17	35½	44½
(*874)	900	28	48½	53	41½	61	70
Vodafone	500	52	73	87½	18½	31½	39½
(*531)	550	26	48	63½	41½	56½	64
Woolwich	330	25½	33	47½	18½	28	34
(*335½)	360	12½	25	37	36½	45½	51
Zeneca	2600	142½	234	307	115½	178	206
(*2531)	2700	96½	183½	257½	171	229	255½

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
BTR	140	15½	23½	27	—	6½	9½
(*153½)	160	—	12	17	7½	16	19
Blue Circ	330	4	25½	23½	—	23	24
(*334)	360	—	13	19	26	41½	42½
Br Aero	1800	29½	135	191	—	86	118
(*1829½)	1900	—	93½	140½	70½	133½	169
Br Telcm	600	—	40	52½	—	32	39½
(*600)	650	—	13½	31½	50	61	68½
Cadbury	700	43	64	80	—	21½	30½
(*743)	750	—	35½	53	7	45	54
Energy Gp	750	29½	37	41½	—	3	7½
(*779½)	800	—	8	9½	20½	23	26½
Gallaher	360	7½	27	32½	—	20½	24½
(*367½)	390	—	14½	20	22½	38½	42
GEC	360	16	33	40	—	11½	16½
(*376)	390	—	17½	25½	14	25	33

	Series	Calls Feb	May	—	Puts Feb	May	—
Diageo PLC	556	32½	45	—	—	15½	—
(*589½)	613	—	20	—	24½	45	—

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Diageo PLC	556	32½	47	60½	—	16½	25½
(*588½)	613	—	19½	33½	24½	47	53½
Hanson	280	9	22½	29	—	14	15½
(*289)	300	—	13½	20	11	25½	27
Imp Tob	390	29½	43½	50	—	9½	16
(*418½)	420	—	27	33½	1½	21½	29½
Kingfisher	1000	42½	84½	109½	—	37	51½
(*1042½)	1050	—	58	83	7½	61	75½
Lasmo	260	3½	21	28	—	13½	16
(*263½)	280	—	13	19	16½	25	27½
Ladbroke	280	5	20	30½	—	16½	20½
(*285)	300	—	11½	21½	15	28	32
LucasVar	220	2½	17½	24½	—	11½	16½
(*222½)	240	—	9½	16	17½	22½	28
P&O	750	6½	38½	55½	—	39	48
(*756½)	800	—	18½	34½	43½	83	77½

	Series	Calls Feb	May	Aug	Puts Feb	May	Aug
Prudentl	850	11	67	93	—	57	72½
(*861)	900	—	46½	70	39	85½	99½
Rio Tinto	800	5	46	69½	—	54½	66
(*805)	850	—	27½	50	45	87	97
Redland	330	15	17	17	—	½	1
(*345)	360	—	½	0½	15	15	19½
R-Royce	200	6	18	26	—	12½	15½
(*206)	220	—	10½	17½	14	22½	26½
Tesco	500	19	38	53	—	18½	26
(*519)	550	—	15	30	31	46½	53½
Utd Bisc	240	16½	22	28	—	8½	11½
(*256½)	260	—	12	17½	3½	18	21

	Series	Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
BG PLC	306	21	33½	—	6	14½	—
(*321)	330	8½	21	28½	16½	25½	30½
BSkyB	360	37	52½	63	5½	16	19½
(*388½)	390	18½	36	47½	17	29	32½
Br Bio	90	11½	20½	28	6	14	18½
(*94½)	100	7½	16½	24½	11½	19½	24½
Centrica	100	6½	11½	15½	3	5½	7½
(*103½)	110	2	7	10½	8½	11	12½
Dixons	500	52	74	81	3½	15	22
(*545)	550	20	45	53	19	35	45
EMI	460	33	57½	70½	12	27½	41
(*479)	492	17	—	—	27	—	—
Granada	850	44½	78½	98	12½	23½	44
(*879½)	900	19	51½	70	35½	51½	67½
GUS	750	32½	52½	81½	23	41	51½
(*755)	800	11	28	58	53½	69	79
Lloyds TSB	950	42½	85½	107	44½	67½	84½
(*957)	1000	23	63½	84½	75	96	132
Lonrho	90	10	16	18½	2	6½	9
(*98½)	100	4	11	13½	6½	11½	14
Norwich	460	25½	43½	54½	17½	30½	34
(*468)	500	9½	27	37	37	54	57
Orange	330	20½	38	49½	13½	26	31½
(*328)	360	10	24	35½	31	41½	47
Railtrck	900	48	88½	106	38	60½	74½
(*902)	950	29½	66½	83½	67½	87	102
Scot Pwr	500	38	58	69	8½	19½	29½
(*526½)	550	15½	32	47	32½	43½	55
Tarmac	90	9	11½	14	1½	3	5½
(*97½)	100	3	6½	9	4½	8	10
Tomkins	330	12½	26	32	8½	16½	22½
(*332½)	360	2½	14	19	28½	34	40
Unilever	500	28	43	56	7	22	29½
(*517)	525	13½	32	—	18	34	—

February 18 Total: 43670 Calls: 28383 Puts: 15287

FTSE INDEX (*5738½)

Strike	Calls Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Puts Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
5550	187	254	311	369½	—	2	62½	108	140½	—
5600	138½	216	274½	327½	393	4	75½	121½	159	198½
5650	93	180½	243½	297½	—	9	91	141½	177½	—
5700	53½	150	213	267	331	19½	111	161	196½	236
5750	24	119½	182	236	—	41½	131½	181	215	—
5800	6½	97	155	207	268	74½	158	205	236½	276½
5850	2	75½	133	185	—	118	186½	232½	263½	—

February 18 Total: 8269 Calls: 5182 Puts: 3087 *Underlying security price

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
Long Gilt	Mar 98	124-05	124-15	123-26	123-28	98072
Previous open interest 198027	Jun 98	108-10	108-17	107-30	108-00	6185
German Govt Bond (Bund)	Mar 98	107.81	107.97	107.59	107.65	191762
Previous open interest 291909	Jun 98	107.21	107.39	107.05	107.08	2979
German Govt Bond (Bobl)	Mar 98	105.61	105.67	105.57	105.58	1530
Previous open interest 17779	Jun 98				105.26	0
Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Mar 98	118.57	118.90	118.53	118.61	52542
Previous open interest 153301	Jun 98	118.15	118.40	118.10	118.14	2290
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Mar 98	129.62	129.72	129.62	129.68	3704
	Jun 98	129.15	129.24	129.15	129.22	2289
Three Mth Sterling	Mar 98	92.46	92.48	92.44	92.45	13839
	Jun 98	92.55	92.57	92.50	92.53	51196
Previous open interest 795302	Sep 98	92.72	92.75	92.67	92.70	40358
Three Mth Euromark	Apr 98	96.42	96.42	96.42	96.43	600
Previous open interest 2132440	Jun 98	96.36	96.37	96.33	96.35	56174
Three Mth Eurolira	Mar 98	94.14	94.19	94.12	94.15	21236
Previous open interest 813422	Jun 98	95.15	95.19	95.12	95.15	50934
Three Mth Euroswiss	Mar 98	98.89	98.94	98.88	98.93	10269
Previous open interest 171433	Jun 98	98.83	98.86	98.80	98.85	8180
Three Mth ECU	Mar 98	95.70	95.70	95.69	95.69	524
Previous open interest 36547	Jun 98	95.77	95.77	95.73	95.75	409
FTSE 100	Mar 98	5705.0	5743.0	5680.0	5738.0	10144
Previous open interest 3549	Jun 98	5790.0	5805.0	5750.0	5803.5	2544

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 7¼ Finance Hse 8
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7½ Low 6[illegible] Week fixed: 7¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth 6[illegible]. Sell: 2 mth 6[illegible]; 3 mth: 6[illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 7¼, close 7½.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps	7½	n/a	7½	7½	7½
Sterling CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs	5.52	n/a	5.52	5.52	5.56
Building Society CDs	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-3
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $297.60-298.00 Close: $297.40-297.90 High: $298.10-298.60 Low: $297.10-297.60 AM: $297.80 PM: $298.15

Krugerrand: $301.00-303.00 (£184.00-186.00)

Platinum: $378.00 (£231.20) Silver: $6.755 (£4.115) Palladium: $230.00 (£140.65)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 18	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3558-3.3731	3.3640-3.3672	1⅛-1pr	3⅜-3¼pr
Brussels	61.440-61.800	61.579-61.649	21-16pr	62-55pr
Copenhagen	11.349-11.406	11.375-11.385	¾-½pr	1½-1pr
Dublin	1.1997-1.2087	1.2000-1.2055	14-7pr	42-35pr
Frankfurt	2.9771-2.9929	2.9851-2.9879	1-¾pr	3-2¾pr
Lisbon	304.73-306.47	305.51-305.86	¼-½pr	2½-2pr
Madrid	252.26-253.61	252.81-253.01	58-47pr	184-166pr
Milan	2941.4-2945.7	2941.4-2945.7	76-42pr	116-93pr
Montreal	2.3480-2.3646	2.3587-2.3609	0.50-0.45pr	1.01-0.93pr
New York	1.6326-1.6432	1.6408-1.6418	0.245-0.225pr	0.758-0.775pr
Oslo	12.411-12.468	12.469-12.484	¼-½pf	1½-1¼pr
Paris	9.9770-10.034	10.004-10.012	3¼-3pr	9¼-9pr
Stockholm	13.251-13.321	13.285-13.301	⅛-½pr	1-½pr
Tokyo	206.02-207.57	207.28-207.57	1⅝-1pr	3⅝-3½pr
Vienna	20.944-21.058	21.002-21.032	⅝-½pr	2⅝-1½pr
Zurich	2.4044-2.4169	2.4082-2.4113	1⅛-1½pr	3¾-3½pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.4943-1.4954
Austria	12.79-12.80
Belgium (Com)	37.52-37.56
Canada	1.4380-1.4390
Denmark	6.9300-6.9330
France	6.0945-6.0965
Germany	1.8195-1.8200
Hong Kong	7.7425-7.7435
Ireland	1.3628-1.3648
Italy	1793.5-1794.3
Japan	126.10-126.20
Malaysia	3.79-3.81
Netherlands	2.0508-2.0513
Norway	7.6012-7.6088
Portugal	186.30-186.40
Singapore	1.6465-1.6485
Spain	154.18-154.21
Sweden	8.0983-8.1033
Switzerland	1.4685-1.4695

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6422-1.6449
Australia dollar	2.4543-2.4576
Bahrain dinar	0.608-0.622
Brazil real*	1.8473-1.8501
China yuan	13.367-13.667
Cyprus pound	0.8625-0.8815
Finland markka	8.9525-9.0935
Greece drachma	463.75-474.25
Hong Kong dollar	12.7163-12.7257
India rupee	62.74-64.04
Indonesia rupiah	n/a
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4925-0.5035
Malaysia ringgit	6.2247-6.2614
New Zealand dollar	2.8322-2.8374
Pakistan rupee	70.20 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.870-6.005
Singapore dollar	2.7045-2.7095
S Africa rand (com)	7.984-8.153
U A E dirham	5.9225-6.0585

*Barclays Treasury * Lloyds Bank*

FTSE VOLUMES

3i	903	Land Secs	1,400
AMVESCAP	1,700	Legal & Gn	1,600
ASDA Gp	4,200	Lloyds TSB	11,900
Abbey Ntl	2,000	LucasVarity	6,400
Allnce & Leic	1,800	Marks Spr	5,500
Allied Dom	1,400	NatWst Bk	3,800
AB Foods	2,800	Nat Grid	3,000
BAA	4,400	Nat Power	1,500
BAT Inds	4,100	Next	2,300
BG	5,300	Norwich Un	3,100
BOC	774	Nycomed Amr	106
BP	7,600	Orange	8,900
BSkyB	3,400	P & O	677
BTR	17,400	Pearson	2,100
BT	27,400	PowerGen	489
Bk of Scot	6,800	Prudential	4,000
Barclays	11,800	Railtrack	1,400
Bass	1,800	Rank Group	2,500
Billiton	2,300	Reckitt Col	641
Blue Circle	1,800	Reed Intl	1,900
Boots	1,600	Rentokil	4,000
BAe	2,300	Reuters	3,000
BA	2,300	Rio Tinto	1,200
Brit Energy	1,300	Rolls Royce	9,300
British Land	687	Royal & Sun	3,300
Brit Steel	5,900	Royal Bk Scr	1,700
Cable Wire	5,000	Safeway	7,900
Cadbury	3,300	Sainsbury	8,500
Carlton Cms	1,400	Schroders	96
Centrica	12,400	Scot & New	1,300
Cm Union	2,200	Scot Power	2,100
Diageo	9,100	Svrn Trent	623
Dixons	1,200	Shell Trans	12,900
EMI	4,500	Siebe	747
Energy Gp	4,000	SmKl Bch	10,000
Enterpr Oil	845	Smiths Inds	610
GKN	763	Std Chartd	3,300
GRE	2,800	Sun Life	466
GUS	2,500	Tesco	2,600
Gen Acc	755	Thames W	372
Gen Elec	6,300	Tomkins	2,700
Glaxo Well	6,200	Unilever	4,500
Granada	2,300	Utd Utilities	1,200
HSBC	8,400	Utd News	7,700
Halifax	5,500	Vodafone	8,200
Hays	979	Whitbread	735
ICI	4,700	Williams	2,400
Kingfisher	1,800	Wolseley	792
LASMO	2,500	Woolwich	11,500
Ladbroke	3,400	Zeneca	1,100

	Feb 18 midday	Feb 17 close
AMP Inc	43⅝	43⅝
AMR Corp	132⅞	134⅞
AT & T	63⅝	60⅞
Abbott Labs	75⅛	75⅝
Advanced Micro	18⅞	18⅞
Aetna Life	84⅞	84⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	60	59⅞
Air Prod & Chem	87⅛	86⅞
AirTouch Comm	43⅞	43⅝
Albertson's	48⅛	47⅞
Alcan Alumnm	31⅞	31⅛
Allied Signal	42⅞	42⅝
Alum Co of Am	76	75⅞
Amerada Hess	55⅞	56⅞
AEP	49⅞	49⅛
Amer Express	89⅛	88
Amer Genl Corp	59⅞	58⅞
Amer Home Pr	89⅞	89
Amer Intl	117⅛	116⅞
Amer Stores	23⅞	23⅞
Amer Standard	43⅞	41⅛
Ameritech	41⅛	41⅞
Amgen	54⅛	53⅞
Amoco	83⅞	83⅞
Andrew Corp	27⅞	27⅛
Anheuser-Busch	46⅞	46⅛
Apple Computer	19⅞	19⅞
Archer Daniels	22⅞	22⅞
Armco	4⅞	4⅞
Armstrng Wrld	72⅞	71⅞
Asarco	22⅞	22⅞
Atl Richfield	72⅞	72⅞
Atmel Corp	17⅛	16⅞
Auto Data Pro	61⅛	60⅞
Avery Dennison	50⅞	51
Avon Products	70⅞	70⅞
Baker Hughes	37⅛	37
Baltim Gas & El	31⅞	31⅛
Banc One	56⅞	55⅞
BankAmerica	74⅞	74⅞
Bank of NY	57⅞	57
Bankers Tr NY	111⅞	110⅛
Bausch & Lomb	45⅞	45⅞
Baxter Intl	56⅞	56⅞
Becton Dickson	64⅞	64⅞
Bell Atlantic	89⅞	89⅞
BellSouth	58⅛	57⅞
Best Foods	105⅞	104⅛
Black & Decker	49⅞	50
Block (H&R)	45⅞	45⅛
Boeing	51⅛	52⅛
Boise Cascade	34⅞	34⅞
Boston Scien	59	58⅞
Bristol-Myrs Sq	99⅞	99⅛
Browning Ferris	32⅞	32⅞
Brunswick	32⅞	32⅞
Burlington Nthn	98⅞	97⅞
CMS Energy Corp	43⅛	42⅞
CSX	59⅞	59
CBS Corp	30⅞	29⅞
Campbell Soup	54⅛	54⅞
Carolina Pwr	42⅞	41⅞
Case Corp	63⅞	64
Caterpillar	52⅞	53⅛
Central & SW	27	26⅞
Champion Intl	52⅞	52⅞
Chase Manhat	121⅞	120⅞
Chevron Corp	76⅞	77⅞
Chrysler	37⅞	37⅞
Chubb Corp	78⅞	78⅞
Cigna Corp	177⅛	178⅞
Citicorp	128⅛	127⅞
Clorox	83⅛	81⅛
Coastal Corp	67⅞	67⅛
Coca Cola	69	68⅞
Coca Cola Ent	33⅞	32⅞
Colgate-Palm	79⅞	77⅞
Columbia Energy	75⅞	76⅞
Columbia/HCA	26⅞	26⅞
Compaq Comp	34⅞	35⅞
Comp Ass Intl	47	48⅞
ConAgra	28⅞	28⅞
Cons Edison	43⅞	43
Cons Nat Gas	55⅞	55⅞
Cooper Inds	56⅞	55⅞
CoreStates	80⅞	80⅞
Corning Inc	37⅞	37⅞
C'wide Credit	44⅞	44⅞
Cresar Finl	56⅛	56⅛
Crown Cork	54⅞	54⅞
Dana Corp	55⅞	55⅞
Dayton Hudson	75⅞	75⅞
Deere	55⅛	56⅛
Delta Air Lines	119⅞	121⅞
Deluxe Corp	32⅞	33⅛
Digital Equip	60⅞	60⅞
Dillard Dept St	39⅛	38⅞
Disney (Walt)	112⅞	112⅞
Dominion Res	40⅞	40⅛
Donnelley (RR)	39⅛	39
Dover Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Dow Chemical	89⅞	89⅞
Dow Jones	50⅞	49⅞
Dresser	37⅞	37
Duke Power	55⅞	55⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	32⅛	31⅞
Du Pont	60⅞	61⅞
Eastman Chem	62⅞	62⅞
Eastman Kodak	66⅛	66⅛
Eaton Corp	92⅞	92⅞

	Feb 18 midday	Feb 17 close
Edison Int	26⅞	26⅞
Elect Data Sys	43⅞	44⅞
Emerson Elec	64⅞	63⅞
Engelhard Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Enron Corp	44⅞	43⅞
Entergy	28⅞	28⅞
Ethyl Corp	7⅞	7⅛
Exxon	62⅞	62⅞
FDX Holding	68⅞	67⅞
FMC Corp	70⅞	70⅞
FPL Group	59⅞	59⅞
Fifth Third Banc	79⅞	79⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	78⅞	78⅞
Fluor Corp	42⅞	43⅞
Ford Motor	53⅞	54⅞
Fort James	44⅛	44⅞
Fortune Brands	38⅞	38⅞
Franklin Res	48⅞	48⅞
GTE Corp	54⅛	55⅞
Gannett	62⅞	61⅞
Gap Inc Del	41⅞	42⅞
Gateway 2000	43⅞	42⅞
Gen Dynamics	89⅞	88⅞
Gen Electric	78⅞	78⅞
Gen Mills	75⅛	74⅞
Gen Motors	65⅞	64⅞
Gen Reinsurance	212⅞	213⅞
Gen Signal	39⅞	39⅞
Genuine Parts	35⅞	35⅞
Georgia Pac	58⅛	58⅞
Gillette	103⅞	102⅞
Glaxo Welc ADR	63⅞	63⅞
Goodrich (BF)	46⅛	45⅞
Goodyear Tire	68⅞	68⅞
Great Lakes	47⅞	46⅞
Halliburton	45⅞	45⅞
Harcourt General	55⅞	55⅞
Heinz (HJ)	58⅞	58
Hercules	48⅞	47⅞
Hershey Foods	64⅞	64⅞
Hewlett-Packard	62⅞	61⅛
Hilton Hotels	28⅞	28⅞
Home Depot	66⅛	66⅞
Homestake Mng	9⅞	9⅞
Honeywell	78⅞	75⅞
Household Intl	139⅞	137⅞
Houston Inds	26	26⅞
Humana	24⅞	24
ITT Corp	83⅞	83⅞
Ikon Office	33⅛	33⅞
Illinois Tool	57⅞	57
Illinova	28⅞	28⅞
INCO	17⅞	17⅞
Ingersoll Rand	44⅛	44⅞
Inland Steel	19⅞	19⅞
Intel Corp	86⅛	84⅞
IBM	102⅞	101⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	44⅛	44⅞
Intl Paper	48⅞	48⅛
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	70	69⅛
Kellogg	44⅞	44⅛
Kerr-McGee	64⅞	64
Kimberly-Clark	55⅞	54⅞
Kmart	13⅞	13
Knight-Ridder	56⅞	58⅛
Lilly (Eli)	60	60⅞
Limited Inc	30⅛	31
Lincoln Nat	82⅞	81⅛
Litton	61⅛	60⅛
Liz Claiborne	47⅞	47⅞
Lockheed Martin	110⅞	110⅞
Louisiana Pac	22⅞	22⅞
MCI Comm	47⅛	47⅞
Manpower Inc	39⅞	40⅞
Marriott Intl	72⅞	72⅞
Marsh & McLnn	81⅞	81⅞
Masco Corp	52	51⅞
May Dept St	60⅞	60⅞
Maytag Corp	43⅞	44⅞
McDonalds	52	52⅞
McGraw-Hill	75⅞	75⅞
Mead Corp	35⅞	34⅞
Medtrust Corp	32⅞	32
Medtronic	59⅛	57
Mellon Bk	62⅞	62⅞
Merck Inc	121⅛	120⅞
Mercury Fin	0⅞	0⅞
Merrill Lynch	68	69⅞
Microsoft	155⅞	154⅞
Minnesota Mine	87⅞	88⅞
Mirage Resorts	23⅞	23⅞
Mobil Corp	70⅞	70⅞
Monsanto	52⅞	52
Morgan (JP)	113⅞	113⅞
Motorola Inc	61⅛	61⅞
Mylan Labs	19⅞	19⅞
Natl Semi	22⅛	22⅞
Natl Service Ind	51⅛	51⅛
Navistar Int	29⅞	29
NY Times A	60⅞	60⅞
Newmont Mng	27⅞	27⅞
Nike B	46⅞	44⅞
NL Industries	17⅞	17⅞
Nordstrom	56⅞	56⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	35⅞	35⅞
Nthn State Pwr	54⅞	54⅞
Norwest Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Occidental Pet	25⅞	26
Office Depot	26⅞	26⅞
Oracle	25⅞	25⅞

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Oryx Energy Co	25⅞	25⅞
Owens Corning	28⅞	28⅞
PPG Industries	61⅞	61
PMI Group	71⅛	70⅞
PNC Bank	54⅞	54⅞
PP&L Res	22⅞	22⅞
Paccar Inc	61⅞	59⅞
Pacificorp	24⅞	24⅞
Pac Enterprises	36⅞	36⅞
PaineWebber	32⅞	32⅞
Pall Corp	20⅞	21
Parker Hannifin	45⅞	45⅞
Peco Energy	20⅞	20⅞
Penney (JC)	66⅞	66⅞
Pennzoil	66⅞	67⅞
Pepsico	35⅞	36
Pfizer	86⅛	84⅞
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Phelps Dodge	62⅞	62
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Quaker Oats	52⅞	52⅞
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Raychem Corp	39	32⅞
Raytheon B	54⅞	53⅞
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Reynolds Metals	63⅞	63⅞
Rockwell Intl	58⅞	58⅞
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SBC Comms	76⅞	76⅞
Safeco Corp	50⅞	50⅞
St Paul's Cos	88	88⅞
Sara Lee Corp	54⅞	54⅞
Schering Plough	74⅞	73⅞
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Seagram	37⅞	38
Sears Roebuck	54⅞	54⅛
Shell Trans	40⅞	40⅞
Sherwin Wlms	31	30⅞
Silicon Graphics	14⅞	14⅞
Snap-On-Tools	40⅞	40⅞
Southern Co	25	25⅞
Southtrust	62⅞	62
Sprint Corp	58⅞	58⅞
Stanley Works	46⅞	46⅞
Sun Company	40⅞	40⅞
Sun Microsys	44⅞	44⅞
Suntrust	72⅞	72⅞
Supervalu	47⅞	46⅞
Synovus Fin	34⅛	34⅞
Sysco Corp	47⅞	47⅞
TRW Inc	54⅞	53⅞
TIG Hldgs	26⅞	26⅞
Tandy Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Temple Inland	59⅞	59⅞
Tenet Healthcare	35⅞	35⅞
Tenneco	41⅞	41⅞
Texaco	55	54⅞
Texas Inst	59⅞	59⅞
Texas Utilities	40⅞	41⅞
Textron	69⅞	69⅞
Thermo Elect	38⅞	38⅞
Time Warner	67⅞	67⅞
Times-Mirror A	61⅞	59⅞
Timken	32⅞	32⅞
Torchmark	40⅞	41
Toys R Us	29⅞	29⅞
Transamerica	110⅞	109⅞
Travelers	55⅞	55⅞
Tribune	63⅞	63⅞
UST Inc	34⅞	34⅞
US Bancorp	115	114⅞
UAL	90⅞	90⅞
Unicom	33⅞	33⅞
US Inds	27	26⅞
US West Comm	49⅞	49⅞
US West Media	30⅞	30⅞
USAirways Group	69⅞	69⅞
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Whirlpool	65⅞	65⅞
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Xerox	84⅞	86⅞
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Good riddance to a deal no one wants

You might think it simple. Surely everyone agrees that companies building factories, shops and businesses in foreign countries should be treated equally before the law. In a global economy, inward investment can be even more valuable than trade. If foreign-owned companies do not get a fair deal, investment will be stifled and the world poorer.

In international trade, however, nothing is quite as simple as it used to seem. After three years of wrangling, talks to set up a Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), broke down conclusively in Paris on Tuesday night. As usual, the supposedly plural debate ended in a private stand-off between France and America.

The break may not be irretrievable. Allowing for the usual brinkmanship in such talks, however, the chances of meeting the next "final" deadline for signing an agreement in April look slim.

Few seem to care, which is why the talks broke down. Neither diplomats nor industrialists are wailing or rending their garments in the streets. In many capitals there is secret relief. In spirit at least, some pressure groups for nature and developing countries are breaking open champagne.

They are, perhaps, right to do so. Since the end of the cold war, the world economy has made huge strides forward. Market forces and freer trade, for all the drawbacks and initial hardships, offer new hope of rising output, falling unit costs and producers actually selling what consumers want.

There have been some darker trends too. The drive to promote Western, especially American interests has focused ever more on business and trade. As it does so, many countries that used to be on our side are now cast as enemies. And America, our greatest friend, often plays the bullying bad guy.

Western trade hawks seized on the currency crisis that spread round the tiger economies as ammunition to shoot down the Asian economic model. Across the Atlantic, this moment of weakness has been hailed as a golden chance for a trade offensive.

In Washington, the IMF has picked up its shovel with glee to bury the East's heretical deviations from the norm. High savings and growth, mutually supporting business networks, and cosy co-operation between industry and government have all got to go. The IMF has been an agent for Western interests, insisting on irrelevant loan conditions such as hostile foreign takeover bids.

This was the spirit in which America originally called for an MAI. The immediate target was Japan, where attempts by American industry to penetrate the business culture have long been frustrated. The MAI was to include a right to sue for claimed discrimination. It was also an



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

early prototype for new trade deals. Instead of spending years trying to get everyone to agree on some shoddy compromise, North America, Europe and Japan would thrash out their differences, then present a *fait accompli* to the rest of the world. Michael Heseltine, when President of the Board of Trade, made it clear that the MAI would apply to developing countries. Such crude tactics can be justified if the object is in everyone's interest. The MAI talks fell at the first hurdle. They were restricted to the 29 industrialised members of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Soon, however, Japan was able to sit quietly and let the EU and America slug it out.

France inevitably demanded exemption for cultural subsidies. Some countries wanted the MAI to impose social and environmental standards, using the agreement to regulate trans-national investment as well as opening it up. The talks fell, however, on American laws that impose sanctions on US subsidiaries of foreign groups whose parent companies trade with Cuba, Iran or Lybia.

America argued that these laws fell outside the MAI. But you can see the point. If executives of foreign groups are barred entry to the US, it looks discriminatory. Other countries could use equivalent laws to discriminate against foreign firms.

By then, the main parties seem to have gone off the idea anyway. EU countries routinely give special deals to promote inward investment that any decent MAI would rule out. And the playing field within the EU is far from even.

America has routinely discriminated against foreign companies at national level in anything from air travel and media ownership to nuts and bolts. At local level, official discrimination is often systematic. Canada was not pleased to be sued for $200 million under a non-discrimination clause in the North American Free Trade Agreement when it imposed new environmental standards on chemicals made by a US firm.

Many of these problems might have been sorted out in exceptions to the MAI, which would certainly include defence and some media sectors. But such a deal would ignore exceptions that are more important to others. Foreign financial services companies, for instance, have contributed to destabilising Asian markets, simply because they have less commitment to local markets.

An imposed MAI would cause more disputes than it would solve. It would also risk giving multinationals a bad name again. Most have spent the past 20 years earning respect for stability, higher than average ethical standards, pay rates and environmental performance.

The world's top companies are by far the biggest international investors. They are also, informally, the most accountable because their activities are visible to consumers and pressure groups round the world. Smart developing countries want to attract them. Such natural market forces are far more likely to secure good treatment for foreign investors than an unequal treaty.

Setbacks for Western oil groups fuel long-term gains for Opec

Disappointing production will mean cuts in exploration, says Carl Mortished

"We have all been too bullish." That was the response of Mark Moody-Stuart, chairman of Shell Transport & Trading, as the world's largest oil company revealed that it had barely raised production last year.

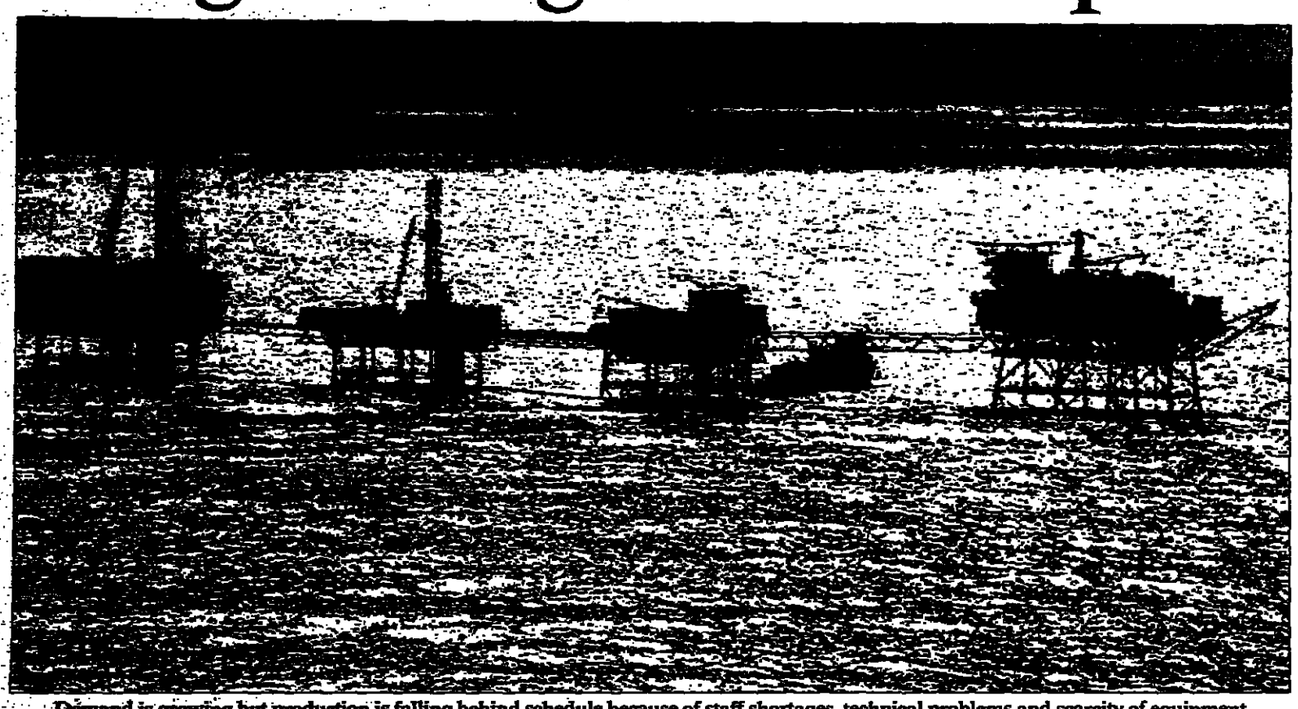
He was right. Shell's output rose just 1 per cent in 1997, while a few days earlier, its rival BP announced a disappointing 2 per cent increase. Both companies had been targeting bumper increases of 5 per cent, and late last year, Enterprise Oil warned the market that its growth would be checked.

Demand for energy is growing at a spanking pace, but the West's oil industry is failing to deliver the goods. Production is falling behind schedule from the North Sea to the Gulf of Mexico because of staff shortages, scarcity of equipment and technical foul-ups. The growth deficit has confounded the International Energy Agency which recently apologised for overestimating the output of oil from non-Opec suppliers (mainly the multinational oil companies). And recently Saudi Arabia used the shortfall as an excuse to push for higher quotas, raising Opec's production ceiling by 10 per cent.

The setback is embarrassing for the oil majors which have yet again been found guilty of hubris, but slower production growth in the West may have greater long-term consequences. Opec members are well aware that the West's oil industry is struggling and they also know that weak oil prices will restrict future investment. For the first time for decades, the core Gulf producers, Saudia Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE could be in a position to grab market share and influence short-term prices. Long dismissed by oil traders, the Opec cartel might just be getting back in the saddle.

A decade of profligate exploration in the 1980s (ending in near financial disaster for several companies) forced the oil industry to switch to a leaner diet in the 1990s. High-tech floating production vessels replaced the overengineered concrete towers in the North Sea. Add to that a fast-track licensing policy adopted by the Department of Energy and the North Sea oil industry has been working on tighter production schedules than ever before. The worst delay has been an 18-month setback at BP's Foinaven field, West of Shetland, but Enterprise Oil has pushed back its production target by a year and oil companies are finding obstacles in their path wherever they turn, from bureaucracy to staff shortages and even hostage-taking in countries such as Nigeria.

The oil majors are also drilling in deeper water in search of bigger payouts from huge oilfields that justify billion-dollar investments. According to Morgan Stanley, the investment bank, the US majors are expecting a sixfold increase in the rate of production growth to 3.8 per cent by 2000 while their European rivals are even more confident, forecasting annual growth of 5.7 per cent. European exploration companies expect growth to double from 5.5 per cent to 11.8 per cent by 2001.



Demand is growing but production is falling behind schedule because of staff shortages, technical problems and scarcity of equipment

Adam Seymour, analyst at Morgan Stanley, reckons these figures are too optimistic given the constraints of the oil service industry. In the North Sea, rig hire rates have soared to a 15-year peak. Semi-submersibles — rigs that can operate in water depths exceeding 3,000 feet — were on hire in 1995 for $60,000 a day but today the going rate is more than $200,000 a day, if you can find one.

In theory, such prices would encourage companies to build new capacity but the rig companies are wary, having had their fingers burnt in the last boom and shipyards are already chock-a-block with a two-year waiting list for new semi-submersibles. British Borneo has been forced to buy its own yard in order to build a new rig. Staffing problems are equally acute with poaching widespread for engineers and geophysicists. Leading oil companies, such as Shell Oil have been forced to offer their key staff golden handcuffs in order to fend off rival companies.

The irony is that oil prices are currently at a low ebb; sub $15 per barrel oil ought to have an impact on North Sea activity but so far the pent-up demand for rigs is allowing big contractors such as Global Marine and Reading & Bates to keep rates high. Mr Seymour said: "This story is going to run for two years. If companies like Shell are looking at $14 to $15 oil prices then there will be some cuts; shelving exploration in favour of development."

Shell has already confirmed that project expenditure is under review. Mr Seymour reckons that companies will shift expenditure from wildcats to development of fields to maximise short-term cash flow. Disappointment over the prospects in the new Atlantic Margin — the area West of Shetland once touted as a potential rival to the North Sea — worsens the outlook. Reduced exploration spend in the North Sea is a trend; Wood Mackenzie's 1998 drilling survey showed a decline in new exploration wells last year with only eight wells drilled in the Atlantic Margin. The consultancy said: "If the oil price remains at or around its current relatively low level for several more months, we expect that this would begin to impact on operators' planned exploration activity."

Less money to find oil and more spent on getting the stuff out of existing fields could accelerate the decline of the UK's fiscal honeypot, with the oil industry shifting resources to the Gulf of Mexico, West Africa and Latin America. Oil production in the North Sea actually fell 1 per cent last year because of production setbacks which will be made up in the current year. But Mr Seymour reckons that less exploration and a drive to raise cash from existing wells will lead to one outcome: "We are looking at 1999 as the peak: we see production coming down from then."

Far away in the Persian Gulf, the world's cheapest oil producers are watching developments with interest as the oil price bumps along the bottom and storage tanks overflow with excess crude. The price trend favours no one short-term, but this business is long-term and Saudi Arabia is the most important producer, shifting eight to nine million barrels per day (bpd) and capable of delivering big swings in output on a whim.

If oil prices fall to single digit dollars, marginal production will be cut swiftly. Morgan Stanley reckons that American stripper wells (the backyard ten barrel per day wells) could be shut in, reducing output by up to 400,000 bpd. Non-Opec production growth could again be no more than a million barrels per day for the next few years as the majors too trim their least profitable investments. But energy demand shows little sign of letting up, notwithstanding the Asian turmoil, growing perhaps at twice the rate of supply and that leaves Saudi Arabia with scope to gain market share and tweak the oil price.

Mr Seymour said: "I think they will send a signal like they did in 1995. They suddenly shifted 300,000 bpd from exports into storage. Within a few months, it was the beginning of the bull run in prices."

Much could change the picture, including a war in Iraq, but oil prices move with small shifts in the demand/supply balance. Saudi Arabia accurately predicted the past two years of weak non-Opec production and lobbied for higher Opec quotas in the face of falling oil prices. When your game is long-term, you can take the short-term pain.

Wang sizes up to geeks with Science offer

In the grey world of semiconductors, Charles Wang stands out like an Apple Mac among the PCs. The chief executive of Computer Associates has launched a $9 billion (£5.5 billion) hostile bid for Computer Sciences, a rarity in the sector that has attracted much attention. He is aiming to build a software and computer support services empire to rival those of IBM and Microsoft.

But in contrast with such "geeks" as Bill Gates, who had to wait a decade to be recognised in Belgium (and got covered in custard pie), Mr Wang is already larger than life. Employees trade stories about his competitiveness and tenacity.

They relate the urban myth that a poor performance at a basketball game prompted Mr Wang to practise in the evenings and at the weekend, with his wife using a broom held above her head to simulate a defender. Sport is part of his programme of socialising with employees and instilling a sense of competition in them, even if he suffers as a result: one manager elbowed Mr Wang in the face and broke his nose during a basketball game. Fearing for his job, the employee apologised profusely, but Mr Wang smiled through the pain and promoted the manager.

Mr Wang is now wooing staff at Computer Sciences as well as the company's shareholders. In a letter to the employees, he wrote: "We will not have any layoffs as a result of a merger. In fact, we believe Computer Associates is the best place to work for any IT professional — we were voted one of the 100 best companies in America for working mothers in 1997 by *Working Mother* magazine."

The Computer Associates Web site also tries to soften the Wang image. A cartoon depicts a boss sitting at his desk below the headline: How decisions are made. Fists clenched, the boss shakes his arms and counts "1-2-3". In the next frame, his arms rest on the desk, one hand still a fist, index and middle finger protruding on the other. "Rock! Scissors!" he exclaims. In the last frame, the boss hands an employee a file, saying: "Your project is approved... unless scissors *can't* cut rock." The employee answers: "Assume it's sheet rock."

Wall Street is used to Mr Wang's antics but not swayed by them. Brian Goodstadt, an analyst at Standard & Poor, said: "He is known for his no-nonsense approach. And he is a stingy manager." The 53-year-old son of Chinese immigrants is a self-made billionaire. He gets a base salary of $1 million (£620,000) and last year received a $12 million bonus, $7 million of that in stock. He owns 5 per cent of Computer Associates, which he built into America's third-biggest software house over 22 years.

Mr Wang bought out his Swiss partners in 1980 and took the company public in 1981. Rapid growth was fuelled by acquisitions but, unlike the Computer Sciences bid, they were usually agreed offers for smaller companies.

OLIVER AUGUST
in New York

Gordon frown

IT IS a fact that in luvvie-dovey new Labour territory no one ever quarrels and there are no inter-departmental rivalries or petty politicking. So can anyone explain to me why, on the day that the Government finally confirmed what we have all known since the start of the year, that Eddie George will be the next Governor of the Bank of England, Gordon Brown failed even once to mention the fact at a formal press conference?

He was speaking about a high-level Group of Seven meeting in London this weekend at which he will lead the British team along with Eddie George. Plus, there was lots about Bank help to troubled Asian economies. Either of these would have offered the opportunity to slip George's re-appointment into the conversation — but he didn't. I mull over the possibilities. Was it a) his spin doctors had leaked the fact to selected representatives of the press so often over the past few weeks that he forgot they had not officially been told? No, too cynical: Was it b) he simply forgot? Too disorganised. Was it c) the governorship of the Bank is a matter for Number 10 alone, and not up to the Chancellor? Too bureaucratic. Which leaves d), he can't stand Eddie George and, after a few weeks of shilly-shallying over his re-appointment to make the Governor look small — the equivalent of keeping a subordinate in your outer office for half an hour while you go through your internal mail — he still couldn't bring himself to mention the man's name? I only ask.



Lady seeks tall gentleman gsoh, account at the Woolwich

☐ *A SURVEY of brand awareness in Ireland produced some peculiar results. Top of the pops came Allied Irish Banks, followed by Bank of Ireland, which is fair enough, I suppose. Guinness came a poor third. So much for pure genius. Perhaps they should rename the stuff Diageo. No, stop, it was a joke, it was a joke.*

Fraher ruck

DON'T you just dream of this sort of thing happening? Tony Fraher, chief executive of Singer & Friedlander Investment Funds, was at the University of Dublin's Faculty of Law last week speaking at the Fifth Annual Funds Conference. Lots of worthy stuff on regulation and the future of Dublin as a financial centre, but the occasion had a certain added piquancy for Fraher. He trained as an accountant, after the same University of Dublin law faculty declined the opportunity to instruct him in the law. As he pointed out to his hosts: "I'm delighted to be invited back to such an august institution — 30 years after you told me to b***** off."

☐ *SHORTLY before it threatens to impact sharply with my front fender, my attention is drawn to an advertisement on the back of a London bus. It is for The Verve, and is done in full swirly Paisley psychedelic style, like something left over from a Cream album sleeve circa 1968. This is clearly a reference to the terribly fashionable if somewhat retrograde 1960s-style pop group The Verve, described by my young colleague as "the album sisters bought their brothers this Christmas", whatever that may mean.*

I study the ad more closely. It is for the new model Peugeot 306. "It's pure coincidence — conceived before the pop group came to the fore. There's no conscious connection at all," says the man from Peugeot. Pure luck, therefore. Renault put out an Oasis model a while back, alas a little too early for the publicity to have been truly effective. And VW are using The Beatles to sell their new look Beetle, I recall. Which suggests that before long we might all be driving around in saloons named the Grateful Dead. Or, on second thoughts, perhaps not.

Tax for tubbies

REMEMBER Hector, the cartoon tax man who failed to persuade almost a million people to fill in their tax forms on time? The Chartered Institute of Taxation, which represents tax professionals, claims Hector's self-assessment campaign has brought in its train an unexpected spin-off, creating a new cult figure on the nation's campuses, raising the profession's profile and so persuading a new generation of students to consider a career in tax.

Just one hideous doubt for the accountants. Is this the same generation of students who lie around stupefied with drugs convinced there is a meaningful secret message buried within the Teletubbies?

MARTIN WALLER



Could the Teletubbies generation turn to tax?

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Provision for dispute holds back Mersey's profit rise

BY GEORGE SIVELL

PROFITS growth of Mersey Docks was held back by a £10 million provision to cover the cost of settling, in January, a 28-month dispute with former dock workers.

Pre-tax profits announced yesterday rose from £29.6 million to £34.6 million on sales up from £149.6 million to £168.5 million in the year to December 31. Earnings per share rose from 22.77p to 27.35p, and the total dividend rises from 12.75p to 14.5p. The final is up from 8.75p to 10p.

Profits in 1996 were held back by a £9.1 million charge for the termination of the Eurolink operation. Sales included, for the first time, a full-year contribution from BG Freight Line, which performed "satisfactorily".

Gordon Waddell, chairman, said: "The financial position of the group, with its strong cash flow, remains sound and enables it to finance the substantial capital expenditure programme ... which will, over time, produce further growth."

Mersey Docks said that record volumes of cargo were handled at Liverpool and by Medway Ports. At Liverpool, 30.8 million tonnes of cargo were handled, up from 30.7 million in 1996, including 460,000 container units, up from 414,000 in 1996. Medway handled 2.6 million tonnes of cargo, up from 2.3 million tonnes in 1996. The number of cars handled increased to 414,000, from 376,000 in 1996.

Capital expenditure in 1997 was £36 million, less than expected because of delays in big projects. As a result, spending will rise to £65 million in the current year.

At Liverpool, work has begun on expanding the port and freeport area, including constructing the first phase of 860,000 sq ft of warehousing on a 70-acre site. The first unit on the £20 million site has been let and Mersey Docks expects pre-letting of other units due for completion in 1998.

Medway has begun constructing a £35 million fresh-produce deep-water berth and distribution facility.

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A demonstration outside the Mersey Docks headquarters during the industrial dispute that affected results announced by the company yesterday

Lonrho to break up Princess Hotels chain to ease sale

BY JASON NISSÉ

LONRHO, which is in the process of demerging its African trading businesses, is to break its Princess Hotels chain into two parts to make it easier to sell. The move follows the collapse of talks between the conglomerate, based in London, and Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal, the Saudi investor, over a £300 million sale shortly before Christmas.

The group has asked Jones Lang Wootton, the surveyor, to sell its two hotels and casino in the Bahamas separately from its seven other properties, spread across the US, Mexico and the Caribbean, and are being marketed by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, Lonrho's merchant bankers.

John Price, president of Princess, said the decision to split the businesses was made because some investors were more interested in its gambling operations than others. The split also raised speculation that the gambling element at the Bahamas hotels was one of the reasons behind the failure to complete the original deal with Prince Alwaleed.

Strong interest in the Princess chain has been expressed by a number of investors including Hilton Hotels Corporation, the US group which in partnership with Ladbroke, Marriott International and Starwood Lodging. City analysts now expect Lonrho to receive at least £400 million from the sell off.

Progress on Princess would be welcomed by investors in Lonrho, who have become concerned at the lack of progress in its talks with JCI, the troubled South African mining conglomerate.

Lonrho is bidding to conclude two deals with JCI. The first is a complex three-way swap with Anglo American, the South African conglomerate, which would see Lonrho buy back a 26 per cent stake in the group for £200 million. The second is a purchase of JCI's Tavistock coal mining business through Duiker, 61 per cent owned by Lonrho.

Talks with JCI are close to collapse, partially because of the break-up of JCI, and partially because of JCI's insistence on linking the Anglo and Tavistock deals.

Lonrho is also pressing ahead with its plans to demerge its African trading businesses, due to be floated next month with a market value of about £200 million.

HSBC James Capel, the broker, yesterday published a research note in which it said Lonrho Africa was a unique investment and offered "strong growth with measured risk". However, some investors have been wary of the business because of its exposure to potentially unstable African governments.

Should Lonrho succeed in completing all three deals this year, Nick Morrell, chief executive, would be in line for a bonus of about £250,000.

Swansea goal is £75m stadium

BY AGNES BELL

SILVER SHIELD, the engineering group that owns the Swansea City football club, has received a warm response from the local authority for a proposed £75 million "Swansea Stadium Park".

Silver Shield bought an 80 per cent stake in Swansea, which plays in the Nationwide third division, last August. It plans to replace the existing Vetch Field stadium with a 25,000 all-seat venue, which it claims will be on a par with Sunderland's Stadium of Light.

The 75-acre site will cost £20 million to buy and £55 million to develop. It is to be financed through commercial development, Football League grants, sponsorship and money from the local authority.

Only a mile from Swansea city centre, the Swansea Stadium Park will include a family entertainment centre, a multiplex cinema, an ice rink, a fitness centre, an hotel, restaurants and a food superstore.

A detailed planning application will be made in the next three months. The scheme is expected to create about 750 jobs.

Neil McClure, Silver Shield's chairman, is also negotiating with the Rugby League authorities for a Super League franchise and has had preliminary discussions with other national and local sporting organisations.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

French offer GAN in May trade sale

FRANCE'S Socialist-led Government launched the privatisation of 87.1 per cent of insurer GAN. The finance ministry said the sell-off would be made by trade sale with a deadline for bids of May 7. The European Commission, however, said it could not comment on whether the privatisation terms were in line with conditions imposed last year in return for clearance of huge rescue aid for the French insurer.

The Commission said: "We received the sale terms on Tuesday which we are analysing." In July 1997, the Commission, acting as the European Union's competition watchdog, authorised the injection of Ffr23.7 billion (£2.37 billion) by the French Government into the GAN group, which includes regional bank CIC and debt-laden property lending unit UIC, in return for its sale.

Cammell for Gibraltar

CAMMELL LAIRD, the shipbuilding group that recently floated on the stock market, yesterday concluded its deal to operate the Gibraltar Shipyard. The principal provisions of the deal are that Cammell will lease the whole of the existing shipyard from the Government of Gibraltar for 20 years with an option to extend for a further 20 years. The annual rental of £250,000 is payable from the fourth year. The shipyard is planned to re-open shortly.

Wellington advances

WELLINGTON Underwriting Agencies said its syndicates made £12.3 million for the latest Lloyd's of London year off account. Wellington revealed the figure for the 1995 year represented a return on capacity of 15.8 per cent and reflected the continued improvement seen on the previous quarter. It added that the three syndicates trading in 1998, together produced profits of £100.9 million on capacity of £507.8 million, equivalent to a return on capacity of 19.9 per cent.

Photobition acquisition

PHOTOBITION is to buy Jigsaw Freight and Jigsaw Pieces for £1.6 million from their existing management. Photobition said the two businesses will complement the film storage and distribution activities of the Novo group, which Photobition acquired for £28 million in November. In the year ended December 31, 1997, the businesses being acquired produced operating profits of £323,000 on sales of £2.8 million. As at December 31, they had net assets of £270,000.

Usinor's income grows

USINOR, the privatised French steel maker, unveiled a 38 per cent rise in net income to Ffr 2,055 million (£205 million) for 1997. Usinor said European economic conditions should sustain growth until the summer, however, flat stainless steel, which makes up 17 per cent of group sales, would continue to suffer from global overcapacity. A spokesman said: "The order books are well filled and plants should operate at full capacity over the first six months of 1998."

Dunloe raises Ewart bid

DUNLOE HOUSE, the property group, has raised its bid for Ewart from £21.1 million to £24.4 million by increasing the cash offer to 75p a share from 67p. The share offer has been kept at 18 new Dunloe shares for each five Ewart shares although the loan note alternative has been increased to 78p from 70p. Philip Byrne, managing director of Dunloe, said: "Our revised offer for Ewart is final." Ewart has rejected Dunloe's approach.

ACCOUNTANCY

Silence carries its share of risks

Robert Hodgkinson on the debate about one aspect of reporting

In 1992 unexpected corporate collapses spurred the Cadbury committee to say that listed companies should report annually on the effectiveness of their internal controls. Ever since, accountants have been arguing about how to respond. Last month the final report of Cadbury's successor, the Hampel committee, seemed to bring the debate to a conclusion, but that is doubtful.

The limited value to investors of most current reporting on controls makes change inevitable, although it would be a shame if it took another wave of failures to force it. How things may develop is set out in *Financial Reporting of Risk — Proposals for a Statement of Business Risk*, a discussion paper published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW).

Currently directors recite their responsibility for internal financial controls, which provide reasonable but not absolute assurance against material losses or errors in the accounts. They describe the key controls that they have put in place and confirm that they have reviewed their effectiveness. Some commentators were outraged that Hampel backed off requiring directors to report the conclusions of their review. However, accountants and directors have found effectiveness too elusive to define and Hampel said they should stop trying.

Less accommodating is Hampel's insistence that directors are responsible for more than financial controls. Controls over operations and compliance with laws and regulations are relevant, as is risk management generally. However, without a fresh initiative, this broader perspective is unlikely to lead to significant changes in reporting. The reason is that most companies do not disclose specific risks and controls. They opt for generalities about organisational, budgeting and other procedures that provide little information about an individual company.

By contrast, the ICAEW paper picks up Hampel's all-inclusive approach to risk management and proposes that quoted companies make hard-edged new disclosures. A statement of business risk would highlight sources of uncertainty and volatility with most impact on financial performance. For these key risks, companies would describe the actions that they take and the measures used to manage them. This open reporting of risks, actions and measures would breathe life back into Cadbury's original recommendation.

Key risks reported in the statement might lie in the supply of raw materials, product development, regulation, information technology, staff retention or customer satisfaction. Directors would describe not only controls, but also strategic actions such as recruitment and training, outsourcing and joint ventures, insurance and contingency planning, or simple withdrawal from an area in which the company lacks the competence necessary to manage risk.



Robert Hodgkinson says companies must take risks to prosper

The ICAEW approach would offer a positive justification for not reporting on effectiveness. Users of annual reports should form their own views based on the directors' actions and the accounting and non-accounting measures that the directors use to manage key risks. Indeed, the whole effectiveness debate can be seen as a bizarre aberration. It is as if accountants had spent years trying to define satisfactory financial performance instead of developing true and fair accounts that allow investors to judge for themselves.

The proposals should hold attractions for business. They shift the emphasis from controls and the negative implication that risk is there to be eliminated, to a broad range of actions to manage risk and create shareholder value. Companies only prosper if they take risks and have the expertise to do so successfully. Controls, enshrined in procedures manuals, the segregation of duties, authorisation limits and double checking are necessary, but of secondary importance.

Reservations about the proposals are likely to focus on commercial sensitivity. It is clear that any public disclosure may have harmful commercial consequences for companies that buy and sell in competitive markets. The issue is whether non-disclosure of risk does more damage, particularly if it increases uncertainty and the cost of capital, thus reducing shareholder value. Ultimately, companies have to do what is in their overall interests.

The discussion paper also takes care to address directors' proper concerns that new risk disclosures will increase their legal exposure. In fact, directors face most danger when they are raising funds and are already required by the Stock Exchange to make disclosures about risk. At other times, it is difficult to see how it can be more dangerous to make a statement that seeks to convey useful and balanced information about risk than to say nothing useful about it at all.

Copies of the paper are available from Jacquie Parkins at the ICAEW on 0171-920 8623 and comments are invited by April 30.

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More bottom line than official line

LATE last Friday afternoon one partner at KPMG summed up the whole feeling within the firm. "We've got a lot of smiling partners around here and a lot of smiling clients," he said. "They are saying 'You've got a great business. Why spoil it?'" He was speaking minutes before the official announcement that the attempt to merge with Ernst & Young to create the world's biggest accountancy firm was off.

The rumours had started earlier in the day that Ernst & Young, after their marathon international executive committee meeting in Grand Cayman, had decided to pull out of the merger. And sure enough Colin Sharman, the KPMG chairman, received the fateful phone call on Friday morning. Immediately the post-mortems started. The official line was that the regulators were to blame. But there were many other reasons just beneath the surface.

Colin Sharman was saying that evening that "we were overwhelmed by the regulatory process". But if anyone was overwhelmed by the regulators it was the Americans. They had taken the partner votes in mid-December. They took the view, as one partner here said, that "we did it at Christmas". And after that they couldn't understand why the regulatory process did not consist of strong words followed by simple approval. Instead, they found regulatory authorities all around the world converging in their efforts. Even the American Justice Department appeared, in the American view, to be in cahoots with the European competition authorities. And not only were they working steadily together but they were also doing impertinent things. They were issuing questionnaires full of demands for detailed profitability figures and suggesting that the deadline for disclosure was the following Tuesday. The Americans suddenly had cold feet. But behind this background another area of opposition was swelling.

Clients in the UK were always furious about the idea. One non-executive director, who had spent much of his career in the accountancy profession and was now a client of both firms, described the documentation he had received from Ernst & Young and KPMG as "a load of crap". Initially it was felt that all this client unrest could be contained. Persuasion would bring them round. But it didn't happen. A week before the merger was pulled the other two firms attempting a merger, Coopers & Lybrand and Price Waterhouse, held a meeting with the 100 Group of Finance Directors. It was a quietly hostile meeting. But after the two senior partners departed fury broke out. The question of "how dare they treat us like this?" was the mildest of the views expressed. But the longer the regulatory impasse went on the more the client revolt spread. "It was no longer just a UK issue," said Ernst & Young's senior partner, Nick Land. "The mood was spreading around the world."



ROBERT BRUCE

And then of course there were the cultural issues. KPMG was seen as being more fragmented in international structure, Ernst & Young was seen as stronger internationally. People at KPMG were impressed with the profitability of Ernst & Young's tax empire but less than impressed with its reputation. The remuneration structures of the two firms niggled and seemed unbridgeable. As one Ernst & Young partner put it: "Most of us are in the £200,000 to £300,000 category. At KPMG the disparity is much, much greater."

Technology was an issue. The technologies being used by the two firms were totally different. "It was going to be twice as hard to reconcile them now that technology has taken such a hold," said one partner. There were different approaches to consulting. And the spectacle of the wheels coming off the Arthur Andersen empire in the meantime showed the inherent structural dangers in going for sheer size and concentrated many people's minds. All these issues started rolling round in the maelstrom of the thoughts of partners as they jetted exhaustedly around the world. And in the end it all came down to one basic principle which all accountants understand.

Ernst & Young's culture is to protect the bottom line. As one observer put it the thinking was: "It's costing us a fortune. We should have known better than this. The clients don't like it and there is probably a recession coming. It's too embarrassing to say 'we just cocked up the numbers', so we'll blame the regulators." The merger was pulled. There are problems ahead. The firms will still need to raise capital for huge future investments. But for Ernst & Young and KPMG the smiles all round suggest that they know that they have done the right thing, however convoluted a route they may have taken.

It remains to be seen how Price Waterhouse and Coopers & Lybrand will fare. They will certainly feel lonelier in the months ahead.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Dry run gives rise to concern

THE senior partners of the Big Six firms have been worried about Colin Sharman for some time. Not because of the KPMG chairman's efforts to create the biggest firm in the world by merging with Ernst & Young. But because the ebullient Sharman has been on the wagon. Ian Brindle, Price Waterhouse senior partner, has been particularly vociferous, telling Sharman to "get a life", or something along those lines, at every opportunity. He will be pleased to hear that when the merger talks collapsed on Friday Sharman did allow himself a modest bottle of wine over dinner. But went back on the wagon straight afterwards. The reason now has nothing to do with mergers. It is more to do with his wife's views on his waist measurement.

The big picture

WITH mergers off the agenda, Ernst & Young staff and clients can breathe a sigh of relief and enjoy the pictures. Last week the firm launched its latest Tate Gallery sponsorships. After triumphs supporting Picasso and Cezanne exhibitions they look to have done it again with the first big show of Bonnard in the past 20 years. Even non-clients are joining in. The imaginative sandwich chain, Pret à Manger, has launched a new line — the "Bunnard".

Taxing time

THE influential Tax Law Review Committee is on the rampage. In the past it has supported Inland Revenue and Department of Social Security efforts to achieve greater convergence of tax and national insurance (NI) contributions processes. It even advocated that NI contributions disputes should be run through the framework for income tax appeals. But the Social Security Bill wending its way through Parliament lumps such disputes in with benefits appeals. This could create all manner of conflicting rulings. Good news for lawyers, but the committee is furious. Expect a noisy debate in the House of Lords next Monday.

ROBERT BRUCE

BT contests C&WC claims of 35,000 defectors a month

BY ADAM JONES

CABLE AND WIRELESS Communications (C&WC) claims to be taking between 30,000 and 35,000 residential telephone customers a month away from BT after a recent £50 million advertising blitz.

BT insists it is only losing 35,000 a month to all the cable operators combined. Both operators said their figures take "churning" — short-lived changes in customer allegiance — into account.

Graham Wallace, chief executive of C&WC, said the cable TV and telecoms group has 1.3 million residential customers using the direct cable telephone services. The number of BT defectors before the publicity campaign started in mid-September was about 20,000 a month, he added.

The campaign involved C&WC canvassing potential customers about what they wanted from a telecoms provider. It now has about 900,000 cable television customers, most of whom also have a telephone deal.

Mr Wallace was speaking as C&WC announced a £400 million rebuild of its national telephone network, aimed at increasing its ability to handle the data-transfer needs of business users.

It said the investment will multiply the capacity of some fibre-optic links by a factor of 24, allowing quicker and more reliable transfer and laying the foundations for Internet, telephone services and digital television services for residential users.



Graham Wallace, of C&WC, announced a £400 million rebuild of its network to cope with business demand

Mr Wallace said the demand for high-capacity data transfer is booming to the extent that C&WC has had to turn away customers.

The work, carried out in partnership with Nortel, the US telecoms company, will not involve any digging-up of pavements. A spokesman said: "It's effectively about putting a new box at each end of the pipe."

C&WC said the £400 million investment, which is part of the £1 billion capital expenditure budget already outlined for the next three years, will enable it to reduce the number of engineers it has to recruit. Many of the functions engineers carry out at offices, such as altering the telephone line capacity, can be done remotely through the network, it said. C&WC is looking to reduce the ratio of operating costs to revenue from 24 per cent to 18 per cent.

C&WC is yet to reveal whether Microsoft or its rival Oracle will provide the software for the boxes that will eventually sit on top of televisions and allow a dual digital TV and personal computer-emulation service.

Mr Wallace said a decision has been made and an announcement is likely within the next few weeks. C&WC will launch its digital TV service this year.

Government takes its cue from bankers' recommendations

Singapore promises reform package

BY GEORGE SIVELL

SINGAPORE yesterday promised to liberalise its banking and finance industry in a move that alleviated some of the gloom hanging over South-East Asian markets.

The Straits Times Industrials Index rose by almost 3 per cent after the Government promise. The index gained 42.08 points to close at 1,538.98, driven higher by buying of bank stocks and a government promise that companies would be able to buy back their own shares.

Lee Hsien Loong, Deputy Prime Minister, said that the Government would promote a debt market and fund management in Singapore by simplifying rules and placing a greater proportion of public funds with private institutions.

Mr Lee, who is head of the Monetary Authority of Singapore, the central bank, said that the Government accepted almost all the ideas suggested by a committee of bankers to make Singapore's financial market more vibrant.

Analysts said that the development of a local bond market could bring a greater regional role for the Singapore dollar, particularly if the Government also removed restrictions on company borrowing of the local currency and set up Singapore dollar interest-rate contracts.

Mr Lee said that the Government would not abolish estate duties or stamp duties on share deals, as the committee proposed, but would study its other tax ideas. He said the Government wanted to improve the financial sector within the existing structure. "You can't liberalise overnight, but we can do it over time," he said.

Asked whether the reforms would give Singapore the "buzz" that its rival Hong Kong is often said to have, Mr Lee said: "We will have a series of things and cumulatively, gradually, you might notice a hum."

The Government accepted the bankers' suggestion that it issue longer-term government debt, but rejected letting some money in the state-run compulsory savings scheme be managed by private funds.

Clever cards that could tighten the net on fraudsters

Chris Ayres on the smart technology working to deter credit criminals

The problem of how to improve credit card security while developing a reliable electronic payments system for the Internet has attracted heated debate this week.

On Tuesday, Europay, the payments system backed by most major European banks, claimed to have developed a "smart card" that would revolutionise credit card security.

Europay said that the cards, when used with the right equipment — installed in anything from a PC to a mobile phone — would allow consumers to shop on the Internet without worry of fraud. The cards would also improve security for conventional transactions, the organisation claimed.

Not all are satisfied. Kevin Murray, a US politician, has raised fears over the technology. Last Friday, he introduced a Bill in California to prevent theft and misuse of the kind of information that could be stored on smart cards — such as fingerprints or medical records.

The issues surrounding smart cards would probably be even more controversial if they were easier to understand. Basically, the problem is that 25-year-old magnetic strip technology in credit cards makes it relatively easy for criminals to trick machines into accepting stolen or invalid cards.

It is even easier for signatures to be forged, or for goods to be ordered over the telephone. This kind of fraud cost banks and building societies an estimated £97 million last year, a bill that is passed on to consumers through higher bank charges.

Banks have tolerated credit card fraud for years, partly because of the enormous cost of introducing more secure technology. However, now that electronic commerce is set for rapid growth, they have little choice but to take preventative measures.

Smart cards are different to traditional cards because they have "intelligent" microprocessors inside them. This gives them room to store vast amounts of information about their holders; rather than just a pin number, they can carry medical records, CV, driving licence and shoe size.

Europay says criminals would soon realise that they were wasting their time trying to hack into smart cards to use them fraudulently. However, the company is vague and defensive when asked to explain exactly how the smart cards work.

It is still not clear if smart cards could result in secure electronic commerce. Those who rarely use the Internet often imagine that fraudsters intercept consumers' credit card numbers as they travel to their destination.

In fact, because Internet transactions require absolutely no proof of identity — apart from a card number — most fraud comes when criminals rumage through people's dustbins to find discarded card receipts, then use them to shop online.

In other cases, fraudsters have got hold of consumers' credit card numbers by hacking into corporate computer systems, or by setting up fraudulent sites offering a non-existent service (usually vice-related), in the hope that the more gullible among us will hand over personal details. It is not clear how smart cards will prevent this.

The final hurdle for smart cards will be public opinion. When technology such as biometrics — which allows computers to recognise your face by its unique thermal image, stored on a smart card — become common, consumers could have their entire identities stolen and used fraudulently.

And this is where Mr Murray steps in with his Californian Bill. It may sound like science fiction, but until consumers are convinced otherwise, they are likely to stick with their magnetic strips.

THE ICE BOX
THE HOT NEWS ON INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

☐ United News and Media, the owner of *The Express*, this week launched a stripped-down financial information service on the Internet to rival Reuters. The company, headed by Lord Hollick, says the online service will fill a market niche.

The service, run by Money and Bonds — a United subsidiary — is aimed at small and medium-sized businesses that need constant access to up-to-date financial information. United is particularly targeting exporters that need foreign exchange information but cannot justify subscribing to a full-blown service such as Reuters.

Businesses will be charged £50 per month for the service after a free trial period. However, United is likely to face intense competition from rival media groups, many of which already provide market information free on the Internet.

☐ Lots of businesses fell out of love with the Internet on Valentine's Day. The rapidly growing demand for electronic greetings cards — sold by companies such as Hallmark and Greet Street — resulted in serious congestion on the Internet for several hours at the weekend.

It is estimated that several million saccharine online greetings passed through the Internet's arteries — many at the last minute — complete with attached pictures and animation. This resulted in e-mails being delayed and Internet sites taking several minutes to load.

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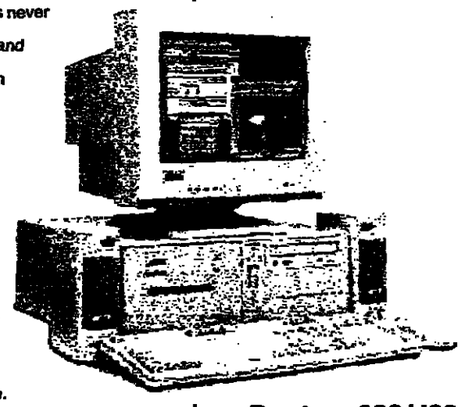
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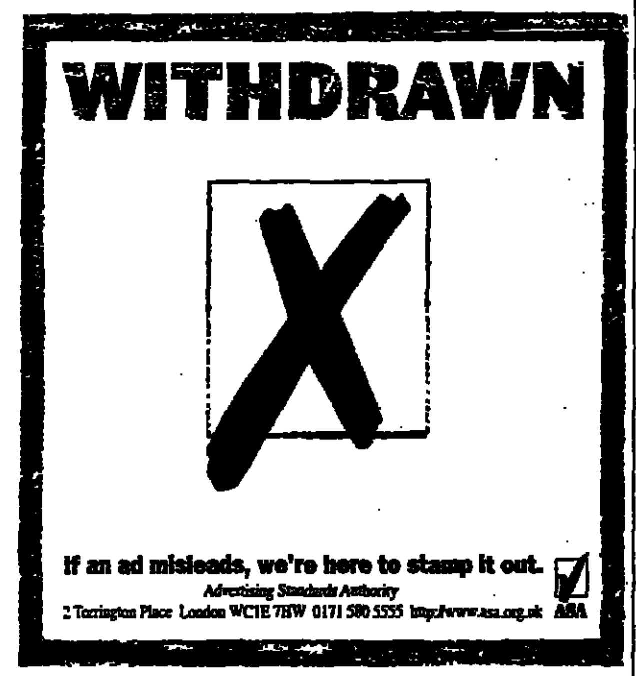
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Gilt & Fixed Int	147.40	156.40		5.72
High Inc Equity	237.40	253.90	+2.00	3.97
Worldwide Bond	274.30	290.90	+0.20	3.44
American Growth	552.70	589.60	+4.50	0.21
Asian Pacific	218.60	233.80	+6.00	0.53
Assets & Earnings	379.90	406.30	-3.80	2.51
Euro Capital Acc	261.50	279.70	-0.20	0.71
Extra Inc	43.11	45.86	+0.16	9.07
General	346.30	368.40	+4.00	2.65
Global Opps	79.49	84.56	+0.46	0.38
Japan	80.06	85.61	-0.56	
Managed Inc	54.53	58.01	-0.27	4.40
Mastertrust	196.60	210.32	+1.70	1.06
US Emerging Cos	226.90	242.70	+2.00	
Ethical	98.96	105.30	-1.10	1.74
International	147.50	156.90	+0.80	0.58
Dividend & Growth	87.21	92.78	+0.78	3.79
Global Gwth & Sec	73.10	84.52	+0.03	2.39
Latin America	74.81	79.59	+0.31	0.84
Capital Reserve	155.20	155.30	-0.20	4.50
ABBEY NATIONAL UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0141 275 8500				
H&P UK Growth	123.60	131.40	+0.60	1.61
Equity Income #	171.10	182.00	+1.00	3.53
Extra Income #	319.00	338.70	+1.40	4.39
Smaller Cos	104.40	111.00	+0.50	1.86
International	139.40	148.20	+0.50	0.91
ABERDEEN PROLIFIC UT MGRS LTD				
Enq: 0345 888 668 Dlg: 0800 833 580				
Amer Opp Acc	390.80	412.10	-0.40	
Emg Mkts Inc	59.85	63.32	+1.06	
Ethical Inc	90.53	95.79	+0.32	0.57
Euro Gwth Acc	127.30	134.30	+0.80	0.18
Euro Spec Opps Acc	132.30	140.00	+0.70	
Extra Inc Acc	236.80	249.90	+2.00	3.82
Extra Inc Inc	324.00	341.90	+2.80	3.82
FE Emg Econ	79.86	83.45	+1.81	0.50
Fixed Int Inc #	28.64	30.06	+0.07	7.72
Frontier Mkt Inc	74.11	78.41	+0.57	0.39
Fund Of Inv Inc #	206.07	218.05	+0.54	9.06
Fund Of Inv Acc	436.55	461.95	+1.14	9.06
Gilt Inc Inc #	51.37	53.54	-0.05	6.58
Global Bond Inc	41.69	43.49	-0.01	4.60
Global Inc Inc	32.27	33.96	+0.07	4.35
Global Inc Acc	49.99	52.19	+0.11	4.35
High Inc Inc	179.60	190.00	-1.60	3.51
High Inc Acc	238.30	252.20	-2.10	3.51
Japan Inc	148.93	157.54	-0.76	
Latin Amer Inc	65.08	68.96	+0.22	
Master Inc Inc	64.08	67.80	+0.43	2.71
Master Gwth Inc	59.39	62.84	+0.43	0.30
North Amer Inc	274.20	288.30	+0.20	
North Amer Acc	274.50	288.70	-0.30	
Pacific Inc	58.21	61.59	+0.62	0.09
Prop Share Inc	98.03	103.73	+0.12	1.35
Recovery Inc	110.30	116.60	+0.90	1.98
Recovery Acc	125.20	132.50	+0.90	1.98
Special Sit Inc	176.90	187.10	+0.80	1.46
Special Sit Acc	200.30	211.90	+0.80	1.46
Tech Inc	826.00	871.50	-2.90	
Tech Acc	826.00	871.50	-2.90	
UK Blue Chip Inc	121.80	128.60	+1.10	2.38
UK Blue Chip Acc	146.60	154.70	+1.20	2.38
UK Emg Co Inc	79.60	86.06	+0.42	0.84
UK Gwth Inc	75.27	79.15	+0.40	1.11
World Port Inc #	94.68	100.19	+0.42	2.08
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	2516.00	2617.00		
AIRWAYS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0171 256 5888				
Resid Property #	108.20	115.10		4.90
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD				
01452 305 958				
Amity Income	113.21	120.12	+0.48	1.85
Income Builder Inc	102.50	109.04	+0.51	3.82
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01293 526 911				
Cntrctd Out Pens	148.50	154.20		
Foundtn Pers Pens	86.90	90.28		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
0131 222 4242				
American Sm Cos	474.30	503.60	-0.50	
Bond	125.00	131.30	+0.10	6.43
Brit Smll Cos	113.10	120.30	+0.20	1.90
Europe	382.60	406.00	-0.30	
Euro Smll Cos	133.10	141.60	+0.50	0.20
High Income #	72.65	77.29	+0.48	5.41
Income	443.90	472.20	+1.60	3.99
Japan	285.10	302.30	-1.40	
Latin American	103.50	110.10		
Pacific	77.09	82.00	+2.73	1.16
UK Smll Cos	64.69	68.82	+0.34	1.28
Japanese Sm Cos	494.90	510.40	-5.00	
Emg'l Fd	259.60	274.60	+1.10	2.43
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Pref & Ocsas	446.50	472.20		0.74
Capital Gwth	170.60	180.40		2.34
Wwide Opps	247.30	261.60		0.85
BARCLAYS FUNDS LTD				
Customer Help Desk 0181 522 4000				
Income Funds				
Cash	100.80	100.80		6.86
Cash Acc	132.50	132.50		6.86
Income #	757.80	806.40	-6.80	3.72
Income Ecuuler #	88.05	93.77	+0.61	4.28
Balanced Funds				
Exempt	117.20	124.70	-1.10	1.98
500	542.40	583.20	+1.60	1.99
General	445.40	475.90	+4.20	1.49
Property	270.50	290.30		5.60
Trustee	310.60	330.40	-2.50	1.48
Growth Funds - UK				
Capital	199.00	212.10	+1.70	1.50
FTSE 100	145.60	154.60	+1.50	1.52
Growth Acc	631.10	671.30	+6.70	1.26
Smaller Cos	63.73	67.58	-0.05	2.20
Smaller Cos Acc	76.76	81.87	-0.05	2.20
Growth Funds - Overseas				
America	249.50	263.40	-0.70	0.82
American Growth	172.50	182.50	-0.60	
Japan	99.85	105.40	-1.40	
Japan Acc	101.00	106.60	-1.40	
Japan Spec Sits	45.63	48.22	-0.58	
Worldwide	229.10	241.90	-0.70	0.90
Barclays Investment Portfolios				
Managed Income	50.60	52.35	+0.01	7.07
Mgd Sam & Inc #	49.52	52.91	+0.18	4.50
Managed Growth	50.79	53.70	-0.44	0.50
Barclays Global Investors Funds				
Enquiries 0800 731 2443				
Income Funds				
Distribution #	135.90	136.60	-0.90	4.78
Equity Income #	154.30	166.60	+1.40	3.94
Gilt & Fxd Int	84.00	86.31	-0.05	6.90
Int Fxd Int	100.40	103.70	-0.10	4.96
Int Fxd Int Acc	130.10	134.40	-0.10	4.96
Growth Funds - UK				
UK Growth	571.10	607.50	-4.80	1.48
UK Growth Acc	571.10	607.50	-4.80	1.48
Growth & Inc	582.40	619.50	-4.90	1.46
Growth & Inc Acc	1260	1341	+11.00	1.46
Growth Funds - Overseas				
Euro Growth	253.90	275.00	-0.20	0.52
Euro Growth Acc	294.60	301.20	-0.20	0.52
Far Eastern Acc	117.30	124.80	+3.00	1.57
Far East Gth Acc	199.20	211.90	+5.00	1.57
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	196.70	207.70	-0.70	
Amer Smlr Cos	175.90	186.50	-1.40	
Eastern	167.40	179.90	+5.30	0.30
Equity Income #	134.30	143.00	-0.80	4.80
European Growth	542.70	576.30	-3.90	0.80
Europe	456.50	488.80	-0.20	0.67
German Growth	113.70	120.40	+1.80	0.50
Global Bond	75.53	79.41	+0.11	4.90
Global Growth	192.50	204.20	-1.50	0.10
Japan Growth	123.50	130.80	-1.90	
Japan Smaller	88.62	93.79	-0.72	
Korea Trust	24.02	26.74	+0.99	
Portfolio	189.70	201.90	+1.50	2.00
-do- Accum	368.10	391.50	+3.00	2.00
UK Growth	151.00	161.10	+1.70	1.60
UK Smaller Cos	136.80	148.30	+0.50	1.00
Select Managers	100.50	107.30	+0.30	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Cash Port Inc	109.30	115.80		
Special Opps Inc	61.04	64.94		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 8020				
Balanced Growth	209.64	229.04	+1.32	0.93
-do- Accum	237.38	247.27	+1.57	0.93
Smaller Cos	187.41	195.72	+1.00	0.27
Higher Yield #	70.01	73.24	+0.38	3.27
American Gwth Inc	137.70	145.52	-0.98	
European Growth	216.39	225.40	-2.40	
-do- Accum	221.02	230.23	-2.54	
Mngd Portfo Inc	62.73	65.34	-0.25	1.26
-do- Accum	64.78	63.48	+0.26	1.26
Intl Spec Opps	203.52	212.00	-1.21	
Pacific Grth	108.80	113.32	+3.23	0.45
UK General #	129.12	139.35	+2.57	2.59
-do- Accum #	149.19	155.41	+2.97	2.59
Japan	39.55	41.20	-0.34	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	111.19	115.22	-0.15	7.04
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	67.58	68.45	-0.04	6.10
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Ethical	229.50	242.70	+0.30	1.32
UK Growth	293.10	308.50	+1.90	1.27
UK Income	206.20	217.00	+1.30	3.16
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 622 100				
Can Gen Dist	296.20	313.90		1.08
-do- Income Dist	165.30	178.30		2.84
-do- Accum	567.80	601.80		2.84
Gilt & Fxd Int	44.10	46.31		4.96
Growth Units	354.70	378.50		1.53
Bond	198.20	209.10		5.68
Intl Growth	241.00	256.10		0.28
North American	345.60	366.70		
Far East	187.70	200.90		1.06
UK Smaller Cos	277.20	295.50		0.98
European	123.10	130.80		0.40
Japanese Growth	30.29	32.01		

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
High Income	294.50	314.30		2.72
Europewealth Plus	211.08	224.55		0.11
Portfolio	101.71	108.20		1.11
UK Income Inc	127.25	135.37		3.49
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0181 831 7433 Enq 0181 831 7433 Dlg 0181 831 7455				
American & Gen	307.80	325.70	+1.30	
European Inc	133.20	141.30	+0.70	0.33
Smaller Cos (4-1)	118.20	126.80	+0.70	1.73
Growth	729.00	775.60	+5.70	1.76
Income & Growth #	617.90	657.40	+3.70	3.89
-do- Accum #	983.80	1046.60	+5.80	3.89
Japan & Gen	50.08	53.06	-0.69	
Hallmark Gwth	1588.00	1655.00	+8.00	1.38
-do- Accum	1998.00	2082.00	+10.00	1.38
Special Sits	168.00	179.80	+1.20	1.76
High Yield	2012.00	2075.00	+11.00	3.37
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	120.76	128.43	+0.54	2.20
American Portfolio	173.14	183.52	-0.80	0.44
European Portfolio	181.57	192.89	+0.25	0.34
High Income	56.34	59.31	-0.03	6.42
Japanese Portfolio	48.35	51.28	-0.43	
Pacific Portfolio	116.81	125.81	+2.88	1.20
UK Equity	123.81	131.97	+0.86	2.75
UK Equity & Bd	72.05	76.30	+0.20	5.04
UK Smlr Cos	57.54	61.55	+0.05	1.67
CBF CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fd Inc	1005.31	1020.51		3.40
Inv Fd Acc	1039.68	1055.40		
Fxd Int Sec Inc	169.14	169.82		7.54
Fxd Int Sec Acc	180.83	181.56		
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	978.07	982.85		3.51
Investment Acc	4749.84	4821.62		
Fixed Int Inc	126.29	136.82		7.80
Fixed Int Acc	276.64	277.74		8.56
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Beckman Intl	101.90	107.14	+1.19	5.77
Beck Bio-Tech	42.22	45.54		
Acorn Ethical 1st	216.80	230.84		0.54
City Fin Assets	89.46	93.94		2.81
City Fin Intl	89.87	95.81	-0.83	
Fours Hsg Cap	394.12	419.28		2.24
Buckley Wrld Grth	139.74	148.12		
Shaw Utilities	88.04	89.73	+0.04	3.34
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	48.46	51.42	+0.31	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 283				
American Gwth	106.55	113.35	+0.25	
Dragon Growth	45.52	48.68	+1.12	1.30
Equity High Inc	126.02	133.35	+0.70	2.74
-do- Accum	190.21	201.28	+1.05	2.74
Extra Income Inc	29.36	30.91	+0.01	5.68
Extra Income Acc	34.57	36.39	+0.01	5.68
European Gwth	90.28	95.53	+0.25	
Evergrowth	37.66	40.57	+0.30	
General Equity	145.45	153.51	+0.76	1.72
Japan Growth	33.12	35.23	-0.29	
Pedigree Gwth	89.66	94.87	+0.98	1.17
Pacf Sm Cos Inc	44.32	46.90	+0.01	1.28
-do- Accum	47.72	50.50	+0.01	1.28
Retirement Inc #	36.28	38.60	+0.11	4.59
Special Sits	60.98	65.57	+0.32	1.87
UK & Overseas	73.51	77.79	+0.45	0.25
COLONIAL UNIT TRUSTS (UK) LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	86.16	83.75	+0.38	3.33
Capital	108.09	112.59	+0.64	1.77
High Income	57.51	59.90	+0.01	8.33
Top 50	81.22	84.60	+0.70	1.73
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	250.53	261.00	+1.37	3.88
Long Gilt	52.70	54.86		4.86
Monthly Inc Plus	61.51	64.08	+0.03	6.99
Preference Share	59.57	62.05	+0.02	6.28
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	176.73	184.11	+0.98	5.23
Managed Fund	90.56	94.34	+0.36	2.25
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	54.12	56.38	+0.09	1.51
-do- Accum	64.72	67.42	+0.10	1.51
UK & General	135.70	141.37	+0.88	1.92
-do- Accum	181.85	189.45	+1.18	1.92
UK Growth	268.94	280.18	+1.89	1.48
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	297.17	309.58	+1.46	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	96.56	100.59	+0.90	0.28
Global Bond	73.15	76.21	-0.04	5.03
Japan Growth	87.43	91.08	-1.30	
North Amer Gth	328.39	342.11	+1.62	
Oriental Growth	57.64	60.05	+1.22	0.81
Worldwide Growth	87.09	90.73	+0.47	0.29
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.33	93.33	+0.01	6.73
Homemaker Fund	109.31	116.30	+0.63	1.93
Quilter Fund	187.26	199.21	+1.42	1.91
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Consistent UT	44.73	47.77		2.70
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0800 526 358				
Growth	212.80	226.70	+0.90	1.40
Income	93.69	99.67	+0.45	3.43
European Growth	102.50	108.70	-0.10	0.26
Recovery	231.80	246.60		1.70
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0177 283 9494				
Equity Dist	1299.60	1311.90		3.03
CREDIT SUISSE ASSET MGMT FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 690 370				
European Inc	92.04	97.56	+0.51	0.32
Fellowship Tst	129.90	138.10	+0.70	1.06
Income #	368.10	391.60	+1.50	3.55
-do- Accum #	1018.00	1082.00	+4.00	3.55
Smaller Cos	250.70	266.80	+0.50	0.70
-do- Accum	314.30	334.30	+0.80	0.70
Gth Portfolio	129.00	137.20	+0.80	1.15
Mthly Inc Port #	109.80	116.80	+0.40	3.57
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Global Sm Cos	1909.90	1935.00		0.68
UK Small Cos	2357.70	2454.60		3.60
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	261.70	269.80		
DRESDNER RCM FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Dealers: 0171 956 7354 Client Helpline: 0800 317573				
Formerly KBUT				
Amer Smlr Cos	205.50	218.60	-0.60	
Asian Growth	188.20	200.20	+7.50	0.30
Bond Income	111.40	115.60	+0.10	6.50
European	257.40	272.70	+0.50	0.50
European Priv	133.40	141.90	-0.20	0.30
European Special	179.20	190.60	+0.60	
Gilt Yield	132.10	139.30	-0.10	6.10
Global Eqty Inc	146.40	155.30	+0.80	1.50
High Yield	221.00	235.10	+1.20	3.90
Japan	301.40	320.00	-3.80	
Japanese Special	135.30	143.90	-0.50	
Money Market	103.35	103.43	-0.02	6.10
North American	150.30	159.70	-0.20	
Smaller Cos	168.30	179.00	-0.60	0.90
Smlr Cos Div	70.61	75.11	-0.30	4.00
Tomorrows Co Ex	1286.00	1304.00	+8.00	0.10
UK Equity Growth	65.82	70.02	-0.40	0.50
UK Index Inc	459.80	462.10	+2.60	2.60
Bristam Tst	116.30	125.00		1.70
Global Income	265.90	282.80	+0.70	2.90
Formerly Thornton				
European	444.00	464.80	-0.63	1.00
Europe Sd	38.42	40.01	-0.09	6.00
Exempt	955.70	973.30	+6.00	1.90
Global Em Mkts	75.35	78.90	+0.78	0.10
Japan Tst	64.39	67.42	-0.71	
Latin Dragons	70.13	73.48	+0.73	
Nth Amer Gwth	416.90	436.23	-0.45	0.60
Oriental Income #	36.85	38.59	+0.44	3.00
Preference	156.30	163.68	+0.17	7.90
Tiger	191.56	200.40	+4.46	
UK Blue Chip	118.90	124.40	+1.11	1.10
UK Growth	888.20	930.00	+5.16	1.40
UK High Yield #	160.60	167.40	+1.12	4.00
UK Mid-Cap	412.80	432.20	+1.82	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div #	90.72	94.99	-0.16	5.90
UK Smlr Cos	149.80	156.70	+0.30	0.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
Convertibles #	25.71	27.32	+0.10	5.12
Enterprise	127.70	135.40	+0.10	1.85
Equity Income #	188.70	200.90	-0.50	3.19
European	82.90	87.63	+0.06	
Financial	90.90	95.96	+1.25	1.16
Growth & Inc #	385.60	409.70	+0.50	2.14
High Dist #	240.90	255.80	-0.50	3.32
International	461.00	489.50	-0.40	
Intl Cap Inc	125.50	134.00	+0.80	2.01
Latin American	34.71	36.88	-0.03	
Mgd Gwth Port	105.13	109.80	+0.40	0.64
Pacific	66.24	70.38	-1.24	
Pref High Inc	26.94	28.68	+0.07	6.28
Tokyo	150.40	159.00	-1.60	
UK Smaller Cos	285.60	303.50	-0.30	1.15
Japan Sm Cos	253.60	268.40	-0.60	
Nth Amer	561.60	596.90	+0.60	
UK Inc & Gth	351.40	374.10	+0.80	2.14
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
Brit Director Dvg	129.84	137.00	-0.15	0.94
Growth Acc	333.17	354.81	+3.23	0.19
Income	685.40	732.72	+14.55	4.21
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7281				
Endurance Fd	264.20	281.10		0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	126.16	132.80	-0.46	1.22
Ethical 1st	56.36	59.96	-0.23	1.05
Far Eastern	225.02	237.07	+1.28	1.89
High Income	189.12	199.92	+0.92	3.56
UK Index Trckng	73.30	77.16	+0.65	2.14
Intl Growth	143.99	151.57	-0.71	1.27
North American	205.68	216.50	-0.81	1.33
Pelican	196.04	206.36	+1.25	2.36
Smaller Cos	80.55	84.79	+0.65	2.11
Special Sits	97.25	102.37	+0.36	2.89
Tst of Inv Tsts	248.37	261.97	+0.89	1.60
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	165.18	175.26	-2.91	
Fd of Inv Tsts	62.79	67.67	-0.58	0.43
High Income #	47.58	50.45	+0.09	3.91
Mkr & G Opps	59.51	63.99	-0.66	
Zero Preference	50.45	53.53	-0.02	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 724 570				
Family Asset Tst	131.70	140.10	+1.300	1.92
United Charities	372.50	388.20	-3.000	2.27
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 191				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		7.00
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	26.48	27.45	-0.02	6.61
Strategic Inc	31.49	32.69	-0.02	5.16
Income Funds				
High Income	33.34	34.97	+0.09	4.49
Income Plus #	187.32	198.26	-0.90	3.43
European Income	67.10	71.23	-0.03	1.28
Moneybuilder Gwth #	43.67	43.98	-0.05	2.16
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	29.27	31.16	+1.02	
American	453.62	482.00	-0.40	
Amer Spec Sits	249.50	265.40	-2.00	
Japan Smaller Cos	19.07	20.28	-0.01	
European	316.00	336.00		0.32
European Opps	120.70	128.20	-0.50	2.44
Global Pfts	41.65	44.23	-0.21	0.37
UK Growth	167.40	178.00	-0.20	1.09
Growth & Inc #	247.40	263.10	+0.21	2.28
Intl PEP	64.58	68.67	+0.21	1.00
Japan Spec Sits	80.61	84.36	-0.39	
Japan	151.80	160.70	-1.30	
Managed Intl	454.50	482.70	-0.50	3.56
Moneybuilder Phr	91.48	92.06	-0.28	0.22
Recovery	71.08	75.58	+0.07	1.81

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
South E Asia	151.70	161.50	+5.80	1.29
Special Sits	961.10	1022.00	+3.00	1.11
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	123.75	123.75	+0.02	7.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	178.30	180.00	+1.00	1.54
Fincbury Pri Inc #	113.70	114.60	+0.30	5.32
Cap Protn	203.10	204.50	+0.30	
General Opps	179.60	180.30	+2.20	3.00
Growth Inc	51.56	52.03	+0.26	1.06
Private Portfolio	607.50	613.00	+3.30	1.03
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 388 Admin/Val 01277 690 350				
Euro Smllr Cos	188.50	200.10	+0.58	
High Income	23.85	25.25	+0.17	8.91
Japan Smll Cos	12.11	13.64	-0.11	
US Smaller Cos	569.70	604.60	+0.20	
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	112.10	118.70	+0.10	
-do- Accum	112.10	118.70	+0.10	
Amer Smll Cos	820.10	871.10	+3.20	
-do- Accum	837.80	889.90	+3.30	
Capital Tst	431.70	459.30	-0.40	1.26
-do- Accum	642.70	683.70	-0.80	1.26
Conti Smllr Cos	72.08	76.60	-0.56	
-do- Accum	77.34	82.41	+0.61	
Convertible	152.60	162.30	+0.60	5.83
-do- Accum	354.80	377.40	-1.10	5.83
Emerging Markets	57.60	61.54	+0.34	0.07
-do- Accum	58.10	62.07	+0.35	0.07
European	212.60	225.10	+1.30	
-do- Accum	226.00	239.40	+1.40	
Extra Income	510.50	543.10	+4.00	3.99
-do- Accum	850.20	904.50	+6.40	3.99
Financial	267.30	284.40	+3.50	0.94
-do- Accum	288.40	304.70	+3.80	0.94
Gilt Trust	65.14	67.16	-0.07	7.04
-do- Accum	107.30	110.60	-0.10	7.04
Health Fund Inc	303.00	322.30	+0.60	
-do- Accum	303.00	322.30	+0.60	
Income & Growth	298.20	317.20	+2.40	3.77
-do- Accum	497.40	529.20	+3.90	3.77
Intl Growth	497.30	529.00	+1.90	
-do- Accum	552.20	587.40	+2.20	
Japan & Gen	125.10	132.70	-1.50	
-do- Accum	126.30	134.00	-1.60	
Monthly Inc #	258.40	274.90	+3.80	3.98
-do- Accum #	270.90	288.20	+3.60	3.98
Managed Port Inc	140.00	147.40	+0.70	1.22
-do- Accum	154.00	162.10	+0.70	1.22
Quarterly Income #	68.22	72.86	+0.69	4.81
-do- Accum #	83.32	88.98	-0.84	4.81
Recovery	318.10	340.20	+0.50	
-do- Accum	375.50	401.60	+0.60	
UK Growth	81.99	87.22	+0.48	1.25
-do- Accum	90.58	96.36	+0.52	1.25
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 715834				
FP American	85.54	90.92	+0.26	
FP Asn Smllr Cos	226.30	241.30	+0.10	
FP Asian Growth	168.40	179.60	+5.00	
FP Australian	436.00	465.00	+3.80	
FP Equity Dist	616.10	657.10	+4.40	1.59
-do- Accum	1407.00	1500.00	+10.00	1.59
FP Euro Gth	415.40	443.50	+2.00	
-do- Accum	455.60	485.90	+2.20	
FP Intl Bond	57.62	60.97		3.95
FP Intl Gth Dist	46.57	49.67	+0.20	
-do- Accum	68.66	73.23	+0.31	
FP Pac Basin Acc	173.10	184.60	+2.20	0.18
FP Income #	77.11	82.25	+0.48	4.02
-do- Accum #	287.10	306.20	+1.80	4.02
FP Jap Smll Cos	175.30	186.90	-2.00	
FP Monthly Dist #	91.33	97.41	+0.37	4.54
FP Stg Deposit	100.70	100.79		6.58
FP Tokyo	66.22	70.63	-0.57	
FP UK Focus	57.76	61.61	+0.51	1.15
FP UK Growth	270.80	288.80	+2.00	1.11
-do- Accum	561.90	599.30	+4.30	1.11
Stewardship Dist	508.10	541.90	+1.10	1.23
-do- Accum	650.70	694.00	+1.30	1.23
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	81.19	86.60	+0.09	5.02
-do- Accum	119.40	127.30	+0.10	5.02
N Am Stdsp Dist	167.00	178.10	+0.30	
-do- Accum	179.80	191.70	+0.30	
FP Exempt Trust				
Intl Ethical In #	136.50	137.10	+0.60	2.39
Intl Ethical Ac #	139.80	140.50	+0.60	2.39
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	155.80	165.80	+1.30	0.52
Opp Cap Gth Acc	154.10	163.90	+1.10	0.16
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	139.00	147.80	+0.90	2.49
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	152.30	161.90	+1.00	2.49
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	143.70	152.80	+0.98	3.23
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	160.35	170.40	+1.00	3.23
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	402.30	423.50	+3.20	1.65
Cash	49.35	50.09	+0.01	6.35
Income Portfolio	90.70	95.47	+0.77	2.49
GA Equity Gth	301.48	320.60	+1.50	1.15
GA European Gth	182.70	193.00	+1.90	
GA Japan Gth	80.22	85.18	-0.58	
GA Nth Amer Gth	324.40	341.50	+1.10	
GA Intl Gth	148.50	157.80	+1.10	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 626 9431				
American Smll Cos	275.80	294.30	-0.70	0.11
European Gth	951.50	1010.00	+6.00	0.47
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	63.17	66.92	+0.12	3.16
-do- Accum	73.73	78.00	+0.14	3.16
High Yield #	55.23	58.37	+0.17	6.76
-do- Accum #	66.71	70.49	+0.19	6.76
Income Inc	250.90	268.40	+2.80	3.31
-do- Accum	296.30	316.90	+3.30	3.31
Intl Growth	429.50	454.90	-3.10	0.27
Intl Income	126.60	134.10	+0.20	1.90
Japan Growth	392.80	416.20	-1.20	
Orient Acc	142.70	152.30	+3.60	0.20
UK General Inc	254.40	271.50	+2.20	1.12
UK General Acc	461.90	492.90	+3.90	1.12
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	75.89	81.17	+0.22	1.43
US Growth	258.50	273.30	+1.10	
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	82.57	87.94	+0.35	1.55
Practical Inv Inc #	149.40	153.79	+0.84	3.01
-do- Accum #	371.64	397.48	+2.08	3.01
UK Index	244.48	245.71	+1.50	2.48
UK Smaller Cos	254.53	262.92	-3.64	0.24
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	26.49	27.45	+0.01	6.67
High Income	46.72	49.83	+0.36	3.57
UK Growth & Inc	212.24	226.23	+1.17	2.28
Global Bond	27.97	28.99	-0.03	5.24
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	42.67	45.64	+0.30	
Global Managed	165.98	178.14	+0.28	1.07
Gold & Intl Res	80.53	86.13	-0.34	
Global Utilities	198.14	210.98	-0.73	0.33
Overseas Funds				
American	266.35	281.70	-0.21	0.40
European	184.98	196.51	+1.07	0.26
Euro Sel Opps	301.37	320.19	+1.48	
Amer Emerging	219.55	233.38	-0.47	
Hong Kong	125.38	134.35	+3.64	2.48
Japan	151.47	160.46	-1.41	
Pacific Growth	151.87	162.74	+3.19	0.56
Gartmore Personal Strategy Funds				
Cash Trust	156.00	156.00	+0.03	6.89
Managed Equity	311.64	311.64	+0.98	1.33
Long Term Bal	329.72	329.72	+0.85	2.57
Med Term Bal	271.96	271.96	+0.56	2.61
UK Equity	402.66	402.66	+1.99	1.64
UK Emerging Cos	199.77	199.77	+0.39	2.00
American	446.01	446.01	+0.28	0.16
Japan	92.91	92.91	-0.82	
European	482.07	482.07	-0.48	0.50
Index Linked Gilt	215.29	215.29	-0.36	2.45
Fixed Interest	210.06	210.06	-0.06	6.78
Amer Emerging	486.50	486.50	-0.60	
Pacific	136.56	136.56	+2.54	1.46
Emerging Mkt	127.24	127.24	-0.44	0.77
Index Strat Japan	100.39	100.39	-1.41	0.36
-do- Pacific Rim	125.30	125.30	+4.49	2.29
-do- Cont Europe	260.61	260.61	-1.27	1.04
Index Strat USA	276.31	276.31	+0.65	1.02
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	147.48	156.89	+0.46	
Med Term Bal	129.52	137.79	-0.70	
Long Term Bal	149.28	158.80	-0.41	
UK Equity	188.79	200.83	+0.79	
UK Emerging Cos	94.44	100.46	+0.20	
American	207.49	220.73	+0.14	
Japan	44.47	47.30	-0.42	
European	201.07	213.90	-0.22	
Fixed Interest	109.10	116.06	-0.13	
Index Linked Gilt	96.11	102.24	-0.17	
Deposit	94.42	100.44	+0.02	
Broker Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	174.56	183.75	-0.70	0.46
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Intl Gwth Inc ‡	885.98		-0.08	
-do- Accum ‡	914.97		-0.09	
European Gth Inc ‡	226.19		-0.49	0.23
American Inc	192.27	202.76		
N Amer Gwth Inc ‡	568.43		-1.57	
Far East Gth Inc ‡	259.27		-0.20	0.52
-do- Accum ‡	270.50		+0.47	0.46
UK Gwth Inc ‡	256.22		-0.37	0.39
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9668				
European	770.80	823.40	+1.30	
Gilt & Fixed	147.20	156.10		4.50
Growth Equity	547.00	584.30	-6.30	1.00
Income Trust	200.70	214.30	+2.10	3.37
International	237.80	254.00	+1.30	
Japan Trust	37.56	39.94	-0.76	
Nth American	473.30	505.30	+2.20	
Pacific	369.50	394.70	+11.40	0.90
Guardhill	789.80	843.90	+9.30	0.99
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
European Bond	99.34	103.08	-0.24	4.37
Global High Inc	95.75	99.37	-0.91	4.45
Stlg Bond Ptfo	117.16	121.58	-0.02	5.95
Cast Mgd Pfio	141.98	150.56	+1.11	4.11
European Pfio	174.46	185.50	+0.27	
World Mkts Pfio	89.19	94.84	+0.54	0.17
UK Eq Inc Pfio	190.02	202.04	+1.31	2.76
-do- Accum	292.77	311.29	+2.01	2.76
UK Opps	537.40	572.40	+5.70	2.13
-do- Accum	657.50	699.00	+6.90	2.13
Sl Vnc High Inc	153.60	158.70	+0.48	5.35
UK Emerg Cos	294.60	313.40	-0.10	3.23
Intl UK Gth Co	388.20	395.00	-0.70	3.85
Glob Ptrl Fd	148.70	158.20	-0.34	1.26
-do- Accum	156.63	165.40	-0.35	1.26
Inc Share Tst	119.80	121.38	+0.58	6.80
HK & China Tst	78.45	80.22	+2.03	1.73
Blue Chip Pflio	327.25	347.96	-5.44	1.70
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	70.83	75.11	+0.16	2.59
Balanced Acc	78.23	82.96	-0.18	2.59
Growth	44.43	47.11	-0.03	1.36
Growth Acc	46.96	49.80	+0.11	1.36
Income	41.68	44.20	-0.06	3.45
Income Acc	46.51	49.32	-0.07	3.45
Accumulation Fd	47.91	49.75	+0.07	2.41
HARGREAVES LANSDOWN FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 690 230 Dealing: 01277 690 412				
UK Port Acc	57.21	60.73	-0.01	2.50
HENDERSON INVESTORS				
Enquiries: 0845 494949 Dealing: 0845 464646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	464.73	494.73	+1.23	0.04
Best of British	94.68	100.64	-0.48	1.79
UK Smaller Cos	169.19	180.69	+0.23	0.27
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	407.61	434.31	-2.00	2.32
-do- Accum #	1200.88	1278.93	-5.90	2.32
High Income	441.95	473.43	+2.38	3.22
Extra Income #	371.56	395.14	+2.03	4.81
Prof & Bond	57.73	60.92	+0.08	6.94
International				
Ethical	153.64	164.31	-0.68	1.67
International	368.75	390.65	+1.11	0.52
Global Bond	54.75	57.14	-0.03	5.13
Intl Port Tst	118.16	126.36	+0.77	0.25
Global Tech	301.97	321.54	-0.63	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	149.01	159.32	+2.50	0.93
European	357.79	380.87	+3.02	0.62
European Income #	121.67	128.89	+0.57	2.62
Euro Smllr Cos	226.35	241.15	-0.12	0.02
European Value	119.66	127.66	+0.71	
-do- Accum	129.22	137.88	+0.76	
Japan Trust	134.10	142.24	-1.98	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Smllr Cos	117.30	124.69	-1.12	
Pacific Smll Cos	170.56	181.70	-0.15	
North American	452.11	478.89	+2.28	
American Smaller	244.37	259.65	+1.53	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0800 530053				
British	174.00	182.20	+1.16	1.34
Capital	254.61	266.60	-1.34	1.00
Dollar	682.81	714.98	+2.31	
Enterprise Gth	569.86	596.71	+4.13	0.60
European	372.46	390.01	-2.10	
Far East	192.75	201.83	+3.55	1.15
Financial	1605.18	1680.82	+26.70	0.97
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.15	30.31		5.52
High Yield #	152.17	159.34	+1.31	3.68
Income & Growth #	226.89	237.57	+1.69	2.80
International	355.50	372.25	+1.84	0.38
Japanese General	149.39	156.43	+0.07	
Japan Tech	65.76	68.86	-0.30	
Nat Resources	59.56	62.36	-0.53	0.75
Portfolio	104.86	109.80	+0.59	2.14
Special Sits	270.17	282.90	+2.67	0.68
UK Emergng Cos	138.02	144.53	+0.22	1.08
US Smaller Cos	196.90	206.18	-0.55	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	863.00	923.20	-6.80	4.68
UK Growth	953.30	1015	-8.00	1.17
High Income #	154.40	164.80	+0.70	5.45
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	838.80	886.30	+0.80	
European Gwth	219.30	233.10	+1.20	
Japan Gwth	222.90	236.40	-1.60	
Japan Smllr Cos	19.93	21.16	-0.22	
Asian	38.03	40.59	+1.17	1.05
Sing & Malay Gwth	41.54	44.33	+1.50	
Hong Kong Gwth	146.20	156.00	+4.80	0.65
Global Bond	21.01	22.13	-0.01	5.10
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	228.90	230.80	+1.40	2.33
Trust Index	142.30	145.90	+0.20	2.37
THE FOOTSIE FUND	94.35	94.82	+0.69	1.58
Index Funds-International				
American Index	415.30	417.40	+1.30	0.46
Eurotrack 100	271.10	272.50	+1.20	0.68
Japan Index	53.64	53.91	-0.79	0.23
Tiger Index	99.37	101.60	+2.97	1.52
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	54.69	57.23	+0.20	1.79
General Funds				
Managed Dist	103.10	107.70	+0.48	1.83
Managed	107.40	112.20	+0.80	1.83
Rupert Chile Fnd	148.10	154.60	+0.90	1.25
UK Growth	92.42	98.52	+0.49	1.35
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	114.30	119.40	+0.40	4.53
Gilt & Fixed Int #	29.60	30.56	+0.05	7.14
UK Inc & Gwth	64.95	67.83	+0.35	2.26
UK Income #	502.10	524.40	+2.90	3.26
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	80.26	83.83	-0.02	
Amer Smllr Cos	200.20	208.20	-0.70	
-do- Accum	202.30	210.50	-0.60	
Europe Gth	328.80	342.20	+2.80	
-do- Accum	340.50	354.50	+2.80	
Euro Smaller Cos	57.46	59.82	+0.34	
French Growth	121.20	125.80	+1.00	0.50
-do- Accum	131.30	136.10	+1.00	0.50
H Kong & China	98.37	102.50	+3.30	1.35
Intl Growth	81.07	84.31	+0.36	0.47
-do- Accum	82.72	86.03	+0.37	0.47
Japan Gth	20.71	21.58	-0.26	
-do- Accum	20.71	21.58	-0.26	
Japan Smaller Cos	20.31	21.20	-0.32	
Glob Emg Mkts	86.96	90.82	+0.17	0.64
-do- Accum	87.58	91.47	+0.18	0.64
SE Asia	204.70	213.80	+8.20	1.05
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	50.27	51.92	+0.06	5.75
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 690448				
UK Income #	150.10	158.80	+1.50	2.57
UK Growth	156.00	165.10	+1.40	1.28
Euro Growth	126.80	134.30	+0.10	1.66
Slater Gwth	256.50	271.40	-0.90	0.74
New Japan	63.18	67.12	-0.39	
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	181.10	192.60	-0.90	
Income #	280.60	298.50	+1.01	3.76
UK Growth	107.09	113.92	+0.57	2.02
Intl Growth	103.10	109.67	+0.82	0.40
Ecology	120.19	127.84	-0.23	0.67
European	279.06	292.09	+1.40	0.45
Far Eastern	267.50	284.50	+2.90	
UK Special Sits	73.74	78.65	+0.31	0.33
Fxd Int Tst	63.05	67.24	+0.30	0.40
High Income #	64.66	68.96	+0.45	4.38
Financial Opps	60.77	64.84	+0.73	
Growth & Income #	52.79	56.30	+0.36	3.00

For Kleinwort Benson see Dresdner RCM



	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 556 8822				
Bridge Income	400.73	426.37	+2.15	4.17
Est Growth	126.79	134.89		0.50
Inc & Growth	95.14	101.21	+1.54	3.07
Smaller Cos	114.93	121.90	+0.14	1.34
Ever Spec Sit Inc	68.72	73.11	-0.05	1.57
Ever Spec Sit Acc	72.73	77.37	-0.07	1.57
Pensions Growth	59.49	63.29	-0.07	2.02
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Gth	[illegible]	[illegible]		1.39
UK Inc Gth #	[illegible]	561.80		2.90
UK Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.08
UK Income Acc #	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.01
Intl Sm Cos	[illegible]	359.40		1.82
Euro Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]		0.24
N Amer Gwth	[illegible]	170.90		
Pacific Growth	[illegible]	6.69		0.71
Emg Mkts Gwth	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Japan Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]		
Discretionary 01277 [illegible]				
Gwth Port Inc	[illegible]	90.10		0.59
Gwth Port Acc	[illegible]	92.04		0.58
Inc Port Inc	[illegible]	94.74		3.72
Inc Port Acc	[illegible]	98.19		3.09
Sheer Port	58.36	69.72		
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01222 448412 Dealing: 01222 683512				
Equity Dist #	564.52	604.50	+5.00	1.50
-do- Accum	[illegible]	1721.00	+10.00	1.60
Equity Income #	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.38
UK Tracking Accum	[illegible]	92.71	+0.59	5.06
European	[illegible]	199.10	+0.90	0.05
Far Eastern	[illegible]	163.30	+1.50	
Fixed Interest	65.52	69.62		7.04
Gilt	[illegible]	[illegible]	-0.20	5.77
Global Growth	[illegible]	33.89	+0.38	0.22
Int Bond	48.98	49.32	+0.01	5.00
Japanese	[illegible]	54.71	-3.50	
North American	[illegible]	325.90	+0.30	0.98
Pacific Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.65	0.89
Pacific Index	32.64	32.64	-0.02	3.00
UK Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.60	2.31
UK Recovery	[illegible]	[illegible]	+1.10	1.35
UK Smaller Cos	[illegible]	192.40	+0.10	1.07
US Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.40	0.64
European Index	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.70	0.82
Japan Index	27.46	27.46	0.34	0.24
Worldwide	[illegible]	[illegible]	+0.53	1.30
LINCOLN UNIT TRUST MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 523				
Growth	87.06	91.34	-0.21	1.99
Income	[illegible]	94.99	-0.47	3.42
Far East	33.93	35.67	-0.49	
North American	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Global	93.57	105.79	-0.50	0.34
European	142.13	151.40	-0.80	0.53
Japan	65.35	67.78		0.65
Intl Currency Fd	57.01	60.70	+0.03	4.67
[illegible]	60.28	64.57	+2.05	0.66
UK Cap Growth	134.25	143.50	-2.60	1.62
Recovery Tst	131.30	138.95	+0.20	2.49
Managed	87.35	92.36	-0.33	1.51
Cash	50.21	50.23	+0.01	6.78
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 335 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	566.90	596.90	+4.40	1.63
-do- Accum	1363.00	1451.00	+10.00	1.63
Cash Eqts Gth	104.15	109.50	+0.30	3.05
-do- Accum	112.70	118.70	+0.30	0.05
Extra Inc	393.40	414.30	-3.90	3.05
Extra Inc Acc	1122.00	1184.00	+12.00	3.05
FTSE 100 Inc	176.70	187.10	+1.70	2.01
FTSE 100 Acc	175.30	179.30	+1.70	2.01
German Gth	156.58	163.30	+0.20	0.08
-do- Accum	209.40	220.70	-0.50	0.08
Growth Port	303.70	320.00	+5.80	0.03
-do- Accum	349.50	368.10	+6.10	0.03
High Interest Inc	113.00	117.10	-0.10	6.17
High Interest Acc	128.80	133.50	-0.10	6.17
Intl Accum Inc #	121.40	128.80	+0.80	4.84
Int Reserve Acc #	158.50	162.30	+0.90	4.84
Income Inc #	158.70	175.60	-1.30	3.68
Income Acc #	1753.00	1780.00	-3.00	2.66
Income Port	134.40	143.90	+9.30	3.45
-do- Accum	859.20	914.70	-11.00	3.45
Japan Growth	78.95	81.50	-0.02	
-do- Accum	81.20	82.60	-0.07	
Master Trust	63.34	66.56	+0.45	1.09
-do- Accum	95.76	104.00	+0.50	1.09
N American Inc	125.20	134.30		1.77
N American Gth	338.90	360.00	+1.10	2.50
-do- Accum	357.70	378.30	-1.30	0.50
Nth Amr Gth	229.80	257.30	-1.30	
-do- Accum	236.90	252.60	+1.20	
Pacific Basin	166.90	175.80	+5.20	0.69
-do- Accum	172.20	183.40	+6.00	0.60
Safety First Acc	121.80	129.20	-0.40	1.34
Do Stone 10/98				
Small Cos Inc	561.60	591.20	-16.00	1.87
-do- Accum	582.60	613.20	-22.50	1.87
UK Equity	227.70	239.30	-1.30	1.30
UK Equity #	181.10	192.70	-1.60	3.14
UK Growth	143.70	151.70	-0.70	1.29
-do- Accum	184.20	196.00	-0.30	1.29
Worldwide Gth	430.30	457.90	+1.30	0.39
-do- Accum	635.50	677.20	+2.30	0.21
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
General	145.54	154.75	-1.11	2.10
Income	93.35	100.53	-0.90	3.16

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
International	83.68	89.78	+0.25	0.30
Inv of Inv Trusts	83.48	95.98	+0.54	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
American	670.70	707.90	-1.30	0.50
-do- Accum	842.60	889.40	-1.90	0.50
Amer Recovery	822.20	868.50	-1.80	0.25
-do- Accum	950.90	1005.70	-2.10	0.25
Amer Smllr Cos	195.10	206.30	-3.10	
-do- Accum	199.40	210.80	-3.10	
Australasian	198.90	210.90		1.90
-do- Accum	256.80	271.60		1.80
Blue Chip #	95.20	95.67	+0.55	3.29
-do- Accum #	294.80	296.31	+1.70	3.29
Switch Opps	70.00	74.80	-0.10	2.45
-do- Accum	262.40	266.90	-0.40	2.46
Capital	1194.40	1263.10	+2.60	2.36
-do- Accum	1473.30	1558.10	+3.30	2.36
Charifund #	1054.40	1065.00	+6.20	4.58
-do- Accum #	5889.30	5817.80	+34.00	4.58
Commodity	344.00	363.60	-4.00	1.37
-do- Accum	510.60	540.10	-5.90	1.37
Corporate Bond	29.58	29.62	+0.03	6.10
Dividend	57.70	61.00	+0.40	3.97
-do- Accum	271.80	287.40	+1.70	3.97
Equity Income #	400.10	423.10	+0.30	4.70
-do- Accum #	579.80	613.10	+0.30	4.70
European	848.30	897.10	+3.00	0.38
-do- Accum	1094.80	1157.90	+3.90	0.38
Euro Dividend #	108.20	112.30	+0.10	3.12
-do- Accum #	140.40	145.50	+0.10	3.12
Euro Smll Cos	64.20	67.90	-0.10	0.50
-do- Accum	64.40	68.10	-0.10	0.50
Extra Income	622.80	658.60	+4.10	4.33
-do- Accum	2196.20	2322.60	+14.60	4.33
Fund of Inv Tsts	837.50	885.70	+4.30	1.22
-do- Accum	1642.50	1737.00	+8.40	1.22
Gilt Income	68.70	69.80	-0.05	5.59
-do- Accum	229.60	229.47	-0.15	5.50
Gold	38.10	41.30	-0.80	0.46
-do- Accum	47.30	49.90	-1.00	0.46
High Interest	25.13	25.13		7.32
Income #	43.90	46.40	+0.30	3.93
-do- Accum #	198.30	209.80	+1.50	3.93
Intl Growth	96.50	102.10	+0.20	0.71
-do- Accum	171.90	181.90	+0.40	0.71
International Inc #	134.40	142.10	+0.30	3.92
-do- Accum #	223.20	226.80	+0.40	3.92
Japan	26.00	27.40	-0.20	0.01
-do- Accum	27.90	29.40	-0.20	0.01
Japan Smllr Cos	80.80	85.10	-0.70	0.02
-do- Accum	90.70	95.80	-0.10	0.02
Managed Gwth	30.90	32.60		1.30
Managed Income #	36.90	38.70	+0.10	3.95
Pension Ex	1433.30	1469.20	+6.00	2.85
Recovery	59.80	63.30	+0.50	2.42
-do- Accum	106.40	112.60	+1.00	2.42
Smaller Cos	73.20	77.40	+0.10	2.28
-do- Accum	157.50	166.50	-0.20	2.28
Sth East Asia	258.00	272.60	+5.90	1.85
-do- Accum	350.40	370.50	+8.10	1.85
Restive #	55.20	58.40	+0.20	4.74
-do- Accum #	250.70	265.30	+0.90	4.74
UK Equity #	88.00	93.10	+0.40	3.69
-do- Accum #	251.80	266.20	+1.00	3.69
UK Growth	1467.80	1545.80	+7.80	1.61
-do- Accum	1653.10	1748.10	+8.90	1.61
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	143.37	152.54	+0.70	0.39
Intl Bond	82.43	85.57	+0.05	3.44
Intl Equity Growth	101.36	107.62	+0.22	0.45
N Amer Growth	189.86	201.32	+1.37	0.40
Special Sits Growth	37.94	40.39	+0.15	1.57
UK Growth	624.20	664.04	+3.63	1.94
-do- Accum	888.16	936.34	+5.11	1.94
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1513.30	1536.00		2.70
Income #	1324.40	1242.70		4.10
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	208.30	212.89		3.23
MANEK INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
0171 619 7070				
Growth Fd Acc	105.40	112.40	+0.70	
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
High Income #	107.00	118.30	-0.20	6.02
Investment Plo	221.30	228.10	+0.40	1.90
-do- Accum	270.20	278.50	+0.80	1.65
UK Select Plo	214.70	221.40	+0.80	1.65
-do- Accum	265.20	274.50	+0.90	1.65
UK 100 Cos	169.20	169.20	-0.70	1.76
-do- Accum	175.90	175.90	+0.70	1.76
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 394 842				
Managed Tst	83.03	88.33	+0.59	2.64
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	105.50	112.00	+0.60	3.62
European	138.00	146.50	+1.20	0.23
Income #	109.10	115.80	+0.90	3.67
Nth American	119.90	127.30	+0.40	0.23
Far East	136.90	145.30	+1.40	
Japan	53.33	56.67	-0.13	
Emerging Mkts	78.13	83.56	+0.29	0.69
Intl Growth	147.00	156.00	+0.70	0.55
UK Growth	153.80	163.40	+0.40	1.67
UK Smlr Co	67.02	71.15	-0.01	1.45
Asia Pacific	27.42	29.33	+0.57	0.41
Glob Gwth PEP	77.16	81.98	+0.56	0.59
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	116.20	123.70	+0.98	
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Income	643.49	689.82	+3.53	2.70
Global Inc	56.67	62.77	+0.52	2.42
Brit Leaders Inc	498.07	529.85	+2.59	1.51
Intl Leaders	299.66	318.79	+1.51	0.86
PAM Mg Ea Grth	78.41	81.70	-0.08	0.20
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	381.30	402.70	+0.900	
-do- Accum	408.30	430.60	+1.000	
American Opps	157.20	165.70	-0.20	
-do- Accum	159.30	168.60	-0.20	
Eol Port	117.20	124.30	+0.500	2.39
-do- Accum	147.60	156.40	+0.500	2.39
British Blue Chip	133.90	141.90	+0.800	2.33
-do- Accum	177.60	188.20	+1.080	2.33
Cash	100.50	100.50		7.05
-do- Accum *	158.40	158.40	+0.100	7.05
Emerging Mkts	125.42	134.82	+0.600	0.23
-do- Accum	127.30	136.80	-1.000	0.23
European Growth	450.30	476.40	-1.000	0.17
-do- Accum	492.70	520.10	+1.200	0.11
General	775.80	824.70	+5.600	1.95
-do- Accum	1674.00	1718.00	+11.00	1.95
Global Bond	130.40	137.00		4.39
-do- Accum	187.40	198.60	+0.100	4.39
Gold & General	125.30	134.50	-0.80	0.50
-do- Accum	129.60	139.10	-0.90	0.50
Govt Securities	103.70	106.90		4.54
-do- Accum	233.60	240.90	-0.20	4.54
High Yield Bd	112.80	115.50	-0.10	5.50
-do- Accum	128.10	131.20		5.50
Income	253.50	269.20	+1.200	3.34
-do- Accum	443.60	471.00	+2.000	3.34
Inc Portfolio #	137.40	145.40	+0.700	4.49
-do- Accum #	159.10	168.50	-0.800	4.49
Intl Opps	649.50	692.60	-0.80	0.73
-do- Accum	886.70	944.50	-1.80	0.73
Japan	140.10	149.30	-1.20	
-do- Accum	143.80	153.30	-1.33	
New Europe	300.00	320.00	+0.500	0.58
-do- Accum	316.70	337.80	-0.500	0.88
Pacific	72.80	77.65	+1.780	0.31
-do- Accum	78.53	83.76	+1.920	0.31
Recovery	562.90	600.40	+1.100	1.55
-do- Accum	753.50	803.70	+1.620	1.55
UK Smaller Cos	68.37	73.51	-0.250	1.60
-do- Accum	80.71	86.65	-0.310	1.60
Managed Gth	147.10	153.70	+0.600	1.66
Managed Inc	144.50	149.80	+0.500	3.69
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	[illegible]	88.70	+0.33	2.10
-do- Accum	95.91	100.40	+0.40	2.10
British Tst	148.70	155.70	+1.20	1.62
-do- Accum	184.60	193.38	+1.50	1.62
Corp Bond Inc	107.60	111.70		6.11
-do- Accum	119.30	123.60		6.11
Extra High Inc #	90.79	95.07	+0.47	5.68
-do- Accum #	209.10	219.00	+1.00	5.68
FTSE 100 Acc	103.10	108.00	+0.80	1.59
FTSE 100 Dist	94.02	98.45	-0.71	1.59
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.21	63.83	-0.08	5.78
-do- Accum	208.00	216.50	-0.20	5.78
High Yield #	311.90	326.60	+1.30	4.93
-do- Accum #	918.50	961.90	-5.60	4.90
Household Names	130.70	137.49	-0.70	1.08
Income #	435.60	457.20	-6.10	3.60
-do- Accum #	1078	1129	+15.00	3.60
Money Market UT	49.35	49.35		6.50
-do- Accum	88.60	88.62		6.50
Monthly Income	125.20	131.10	+0.60	3.77
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	192.40	204.70	+1.60	1.81
European Growth	192.10	204.30	-1.79	
Gilt & Fixed	117.50	125.00	-0.10	5.62
Income	146.90	156.30	-1.20	3.31
Japan Growth	35.13	37.24	+0.02	
Managed	105.30	112.00	+1.10	2.14
Money Market	102.00	108.20	+0.10	5.08
North American	143.20	152.10	+1.00	
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	174.40	185.50	+1.40	1.62
European Growth	180.60	191.80	-1.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	109.40	116.10	-0.10	5.67
Income	143.70	152.90	+1.10	3.31
Japan Growth	35.10	37.29	+0.02	
Managed	100.50	106.90	+1.10	2.14
Money Market	95.05	100.80	+0.10	4.99
North American	132.70	140.60	+0.80	
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	172.80	183.80	+1.40	1.62
European Growth	176.80	187.40	-1.10	
Gilt & Fixed Int	97.66	103.60		5.72
Income	139.70	148.60	+1.00	3.31

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	38.03	38.19	+0.02	
Managed	103.60	110.20	+0.50	2.14
Money Market	85.38	90.51	+0.01	5.04
North American	148.30	157.20	+1.00	
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	834.40	871.00	+1.60	
European Gth Inc	697.90	734.20	+3.20	
-do- Accum	699.50	742.20	+3.20	
Intl Gwth	284.80	301.10	+1.60	
UK Equity Inc	294.30	312.20	+0.70	3.27
-do- Accum	416.49	441.90	+1.10	3.27
UK Growth Inc	173.10	185.40	+1.30	2.58
-do- Accum	181.10	194.00	+1.30	2.56
UK Ind Trck Inc	263.80	281.00	+1.40	2.33
-do- Accum	336.80	358.80	+1.90	2.33
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	400.90	422.80	+1.20	0.83
Japan Tracker	48.75	51.05	-0.72	
Asian Tiger	138.30	151.00	+4.40	0.42
Mngd Phlio Inc	230.60	245.30	+0.90	1.45
Mngd Phlio Acc	257.50	273.90	+1.00	1.45
Deposit Inc	100.12	100.12	+0.01	7.02
Europa	275.10	292.90	-0.90	
Genesis	234.60	254.40	+0.30	2.17
High Income	21.98	23.32	+0.08	10.00
Japan Growth	77.15	81.98	-0.01	
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 900 033				
Portfolio Acc A ‡	50.94		+0.21	3.84
Portfolio Inc A ‡	50.94		+0.21	3.84
Gilt Acc A ‡	50.58		+0.01	12.07
-do- Inc ‡	50.58		+0.01	12.07
American Growth	81.22	84.35	+0.50	
Equity Income #	140.50	144.90	+1.20	3.37
European	108.50	118.50	-0.30	
Smaller Cos	96.96	103.20	+0.20	1.64
Wwide Eqty	81.12	84.60	+0.22	
Global Bond	41.82	42.26	-0.05	4.51
UK Growth	143.60	147.80	+1.50	1.10
Pacific Growth	72.69	74.64	+1.81	1.35
Japan Growth	83.08	84.49	-0.74	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 610				
Amtn Equity	206.32	219.49	+0.47	1.64
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
American Dist	165.50	174.20	+0.20	0.01
European Dist	205.40	216.20	+1.00	0.16
Far East Dist	128.30	135.00	+1.90	0.05
Global Care Dist	109.60	115.40	+0.50	0.08
Oseas Dist	1179.30	1241.40	+5.90	0.18
-do- Accum	1534.50	1615.30	+7.70	0.18
UK Dist	581.90	612.50	+2.80	1.26
-do- Accum	1211.30	1275.00	+5.80	1.26
UK Extra Inc Dist	118.70	124.90	+0.80	2.41
Wwide Dist	130.80	137.50	+0.70	0.11
Wwide Inc Dist	105.30	110.80	+0.50	1.63
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 0870 601 6147 Admin Enq: 0870 603 9166				
Europe Inc	106.92	112.64	+0.64	0.24
Fund of Funds Inc	82.08	86.57	+0.38	0.91
North America Inc	88.05	92.91	-0.04	
UK Equity Gth Inc	95.07	100.34	+0.76	1.20
-do- Accum	105.48	111.30	+0.83	1.20
UK General Inc	88.17	93.05	+0.50	1.28
-do- Accum	100.08	105.60	+0.57	1.28
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	50.58	53.19	-0.11	5.73
UK Income Inc	87.87	92.74	+0.49	2.85
UK Smr Cos Inc	143.02	150.94	+0.38	1.05
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0800 614 330 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	71.00	75.53	+0.97	
-do- Accum	71.56	76.11	+0.97	
Bond	137.81	146.14	+0.12	4.54
Cash Income	50.80	50.86		6.66
-do- Accum	73.68	73.68	+0.01	6.66
Challenger	97.96	101.00	+0.85	
Distributor	139.79	148.71	+0.97	1.84
European	85.17	90.68	+0.20	
Foundation	141.00	149.99	+0.96	0.89
General Inc	279.47	297.30	-1.94	1.08
General Acc	288.32	304.59	-1.97	1.08
Growth Inc	181.94	193.44	+1.09	0.82
Growth Acc	190.15	202.28	+1.04	0.82
Higher Income Inc	46.20	49.14	+0.51	3.78
-do- Accum	58.57	62.30	+0.65	3.79
High Yield Bond #	100.94	105.42	+0.18	7.25
Income	378.44	400.48	+3.05	2.31
Intergild	183.77	191.42		0.82
Intl Gwth	46.83	49.81	+0.50	
Japan	24.63	26.20	-0.16	
Oriental Inc	116.73	124.16	+4.21	0.57
-do- Accum	121.02	128.74	+4.35	0.57
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	60.39	63.90	+0.33	5.03
UK Growth	145.90	154.40	-0.50	2.33
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	167.98	176.63	+1.03	1.04
UK Equity	228.41	238.33	+1.25	2.19
UK Equity Income #	199.82	210.44	+1.36	4.44
UK Smaller Cos	172.90	182.00	+0.43	1.33
UK Equity Growth	193.09	203.25	+1.12	0.80
UK Index Trckg	228.08	242.53	+0.54	1.92
Intl Index Trckg	205.08	218.44	+0.42	0.57
International	325.53	342.45	+1.20	1.03
European	359.20	389.63	+1.47	0.01
Pan European	227.44	239.41	+1.04	0.81
Nth American	330.02	347.39	+2.14	0.05
N Amer Smllr Cos	363.14	382.25	+2.14	
Japanese	70.39	74.10	-0.80	0.11
Pacific	164.08	172.70	+1.76	1.77
South East Asian	173.67	182.81	+4.28	1.79
Sterling Bond	111.35	117.21	-0.12	5.71
Intl Bond	124.32	130.86	-0.03	4.64
Gilt & Convertible	120.67	127.02	-0.11	5.17
Property	94.40	99.37	+0.05	5.17
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	474.20	507.50	+1.50	0.24
-do- Accum	584.10	639.40	+1.50	0.24
Japan Inc	77.18	81.75	-1.03	
Nth American Inc	213.70	226.10	+0.50	
Worldwide Inc	226.60	240.40	+0.30	0.04
HK & China Inc	145.00	155.09	+5.80	2.06
Swiss Equities Inc	133.50	142.10	-0.50	
Wwide Bond Inc	69.58	73.53	+0.06	5.30
Emging Asia Inc	117.80	126.80	+4.20	2.01
-do- Accum	118.70	127.50	+4.10	2.01
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.13	50.13	+0.01	6.82
Thailand Inc	49.00	52.84	+2.38	1.53
New Zealand Inc	80.41	86.62		1.94
Int Mngd PEP Inc	93.90	100.30	+0.63	0.37
Latin Am Cmp Inc	77.19	82.63	-0.36	0.72
UK All Sh Mkr Inc	96.73	98.13	+0.84	1.73
Broker Unit Trusts				
Way Global Blue	94.28	100.30	+0.41	0.80
Global Portfolio	81.38	87.04	+0.55	
Way Global Bnd	71.50	76.05	+0.31	0.21
Abacus Global Bnd	69.33	73.55	+0.49	0.00
AMR Bal Gwth Inc	148.66	158.16	+1.06	0.71
Temple Equity Inc	57.47	62.50	+0.24	1.25
Henley Growth	165.80	175.50	+1.40	0.38
Intl Growth Inc	73.83	78.56		
IPS Portfolio Inc	112.80	119.40	+0.70	
Roxburgh Smd Gth	77.19	82.56		0.17
UFC Growth	76.28	81.58	+0.78	1.14
Chesfield Port of Fds	56.54	59.89		0.55
Pyg Intl Equity	88.57	94.73	+0.88	0.88
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	384.90	408.40	+2.70	1.24
-do- Accum	862.70	923.00	+8.40	1.24
Growth	250.20	263.30	+2.49	1.59
Income	354.30	387.50	+2.10	2.91
Intl Equity	327.40	348.36	+1.68	0.23
-do- Accum	367.70	391.20	+1.80	0.23
Equity Income #	95.97	103.10	+0.80	4.16
Equity Growth	130.80	139.10	+1.20	1.66
New Europe	138.80	148.70	-0.58	
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	838.84	894.92	-0.89	0.26
-do- Accum	847.51	904.17	-0.81	0.26
Income #	636.45	679.79	+3.48	3.13
Wwide Recovery	546.21	583.15	+0.22	0.21
Asian Growth Inc	392.92	418.20	-3.42	0.01
-do- Accum	392.92	418.30	-3.42	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	317.15	339.20	-0.82	0.03
Far East Gth Inc	240.72	257.46	+0.08	1.24
-do- Accum	243.56	262.64	+0.08	1.24
Euro Gwth Inc	266.72	284.63	-0.19	0.01
-do- Accum	267.64	285.62	-0.19	0.01
UK Growth Inc	156.14	166.72	+0.99	1.92
-do- Accum	171.61	183.24	+1.08	1.92
High Income #	184.92	175.13	+0.94	3.45
Jap Gwth Inc	143.70	153.47	-1.49	0.15
-do- Accum	143.79	153.47	-1.49	0.15
PEP Bond	66.87	69.88		6.82
PEP Growth	183.59	196.39	+0.14	0.39
Asian Sr Mkts Inc	86.71	92.74	+1.86	0.39
-do- Accum	87.49	93.58	+1.87	0.39
Amer Smlr Co Inc	253.08	269.88	-2.09	0.01
-do- Accum	253.08	269.88	-2.09	0.01
Global Bond	55.07	58.33	-0.22	4.97
UK Smaller Cos Inc	122.83	131.37		1.92
-do- Accum	133.04	142.29		1.92
Lat Am Gwth Inc	38.28	40.88	-0.45	0.03
-do- Accum	38.89	41.54	-0.45	0.03
Wwide Inc PEP #	52.36	55.41	+0.03	3.50
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	174.84	186.00	+0.28	
European	137.28	135.40	+1.54	
Global	56.42	60.02	-0.12	
Pacific	41.12	43.58	+0.34	
UK Inc & Gth	103.45	110.05	+0.55	1.23
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 0171 588 8660				
Asia	40.65	43.11	-0.16	
Emerg Mkts	44.03	46.72	+0.26	0.34
Euro Fund	54.91	58.26	+0.63	
Fund of Funds	227.14	239.73	+0.69	0.83
High Income #	63.53	66.67	+0.16	5.23
Performance	55.85	59.25	+0.14	
PREMIER PORTFOLIO MGRS LTD				
01483 456 832				
Special Sits	241.00	257.80	+0.50	0.37
Dividend	140.70	150.50	+1.60	3.32
Int Gth & Inc	300.60	319.80	+2.00	0.55
UK & Gen	65.53	70.51	+0.58	0.33
Fund of Funds	85.42	91.38	+0.37	
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Ld	212.63	228.26	+7.81	2.39
For Prolific UT see Aberdeen Prolific UT				
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
UT Dealing 0345 406000 Client Enq 0345 835590				
Managed 1st	52.36	56.26	+0.23	1.84
Cash Haven Inc	100.96	101.46	+0.02	6.42
Cash Haven Acc	126.22	126.84	+0.02	6.42
Dist Trust Inc	125.38	129.93	+0.40	4.48
Dist Trust Acc	149.29	154.70	-0.40	4.48
Global Growth	127.84	136.44	+0.69	1.41
Equity Inc	111.42	118.53	+0.35	3.57
Equity	1173.70	1248.62	+8.65	1.52
European	369.52	394.32	+0.89	0.48
High Income	112.70	119.89	+0.41	4.26
Intl Gth	248.95	264.88	+1.68	0.91
Intl Sm Co	104.58	111.27	+0.30	0.05
Japanese	139.27	133.98	-1.49	
Mgd Income 1st #	51.03	53.47	+0.11	7.89
Nth Amer	331.20	342.71	+4.52	0.82
Pacific Mkts	83.75	88.78	+1.87	1.85
Premier Inc	50.21	53.94	+0.09	5.44
Sm Cos	122.79	130.63	+0.16	1.46
Spec Sits	159.95	170.16	+0.90	1.37
UK Growth	197.72	210.34	+1.04	1.32
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 556 8800				
Hi Inc for Inc	101.83	109.18	+0.69	3.19
Investment Trust	125.57	142.85	+4.51	0.35
UK Smaller Cos	129.77	137.58	+0.41	1.94
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
British Life	488.80	498.30	+3.40	1.79
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000 Client Services: 0800 124 314				
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	36.35	37.69	+0.49	
Cash	46.41	46.42		5.41
Emerging Mkts	45.71	47.73	+0.13	
Europe	81.45	85.84	+1.80	
Global Fixed Int #	50.33	52.58	+0.17	4.30

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Japan	31.08	32.45	-0.03	
North America	80.49	85.10	+0.02	
UK	87.14	91.00	+0.44	
UK Equity Inc #	80.32	83.88	+0.67	3.09
UK Fixed Int #	55.64	58.10	+0.07	6.32
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	62.94	65.22	+0.33	
Pep Inc Port #	64.83	67.18	+0.46	2.73
Five Arrows Global Investment Funds				
A Shares				
Asian Opps ‡	38.23		+0.05	
Asia Pacific ‡	35.46		+0.74	0.57
Europe ‡	51.73		+0.06	
Japan ‡	41.94		-0.46	
Latin America ‡	38.78		-0.18	
North America ‡	52.48		+0.25	
UK Eq Income #	55.57		+0.58	3.69
UK Major Cos ‡	55.37		+0.54	0.71
UK Smaller Cos ‡	57.90		+0.06	0.67
ROYAL & SUN ALLIANCE UT MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0870 601 8183 Dealing: 0870 601 8083				
Royal & Sun Alliance Trusts				
Equity	1515.00	1603.00	+11.00	1.37
Equity Income #	154.10	163.00	+1.20	3.67
European	241.00	255.00	+1.10	
High Inc Bond	51.98	52.06	-0.01	5.64
Portfolio	143.90	152.20	+0.90	0.98
UK Index Trckg	272.10	287.90	+1.60	2.60
UK Leading Cos	116.00	122.70	+0.70	1.72
UK Smaller Cos	145.30	153.70	-0.20	1.14
Royal Life Trusts				
High Inc Dist	227.70	242.30	+2.80	2.70
Intl Cautionary	70.65	75.11		4.09
Intl Growth	95.33	100.80	+0.20	
Intl Spec	85.72	91.18	+0.66	
Managed	237.00	248.30	+1.40	0.78
Pacific Basin	62.57	66.77	+0.59	0.57
United States	183.30	193.90	+1.60	0.28
Sun Alliance Trusts				
European	202.90	217.00	+0.60	
Far East	131.30	138.90	+1.10	
North America	269.10	286.70	+2.50	
Wwide Bond	58.04	58.90	-0.10	4.45
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	269.20	285.80	+2.30	0.95
European Growth	222.80	236.40	+2.50	0.94
Far East Growth	100.20	106.60	+2.00	2.62
Japan Growth	90.65	96.43	-0.39	0.59
Special Sits	257.20	273.80	+0.10	1.95
UK Growth	138.82	147.48	+1.32	2.28
Intl Growth	343.00	364.90	+3.40	1.70
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 8500				
Far East Inc	119.00	125.96	+2.80	0.90
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	581.20	615.80	+10.10	1.00
-do- Accum	918.50	972.80	+16.00	1.00
Growth Inc	190.10	201.20	+1.80	0.86
-do- Accum	195.70	207.10	+1.80	0.86
International Inc	508.80	538.40	+8.30	1.22
-do- Accum	705.90	747.80	+11.60	1.22
Nth Am & Intl Inc	533.10	564.10	+3.90	1.31
UK Gen Prog Inc	332.50	351.80	+4.00	1.43
-do- Accum	391.10	413.90	+4.60	1.43
UK High Inc Inc	194.50	205.80	+2.90	3.14
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	64.82	68.70		0.75
European Gwth	128.73	134.81	+0.33	1.00
Global Bd	61.31	64.77	-0.03	5.00
Japan	43.26	45.74		
UK Gwth	113.89	121.16	-0.33	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokers: 0800 727 770				
Amer Smllr Cos	188.50	209.58	+1.88	
Cash	144.70	144.70		6.75
China Dragon	80.77	84.65	+1.72	0.39
Commodity	111.70	118.80	-0.60	
Emerging Mkts	37.71	40.12	+0.51	0.58
European Gwth	328.90	349.90	+3.40	
Euro Smllr Cos	85.55	91.81	+0.71	
Extra Income #	71.25	73.83	+0.56	4.74
Far Eastern	75.12	79.92	+1.43	
FE Sm Cos	36.63	38.97	+0.56	0.88
Financial Secs	472.80	502.80	+5.30	1.00
Gold & Exploration	39.97	42.52	+0.19	
Growth	590.69	583.68	+4.30	1.31
High Income	54.21	56.23	+0.04	5.83
Intl Bond	162.00	171.20	+0.50	4.93
ITU	278.50	296.30	+3.40	0.93
Japan Growth	123.10	130.70	-0.50	
Japan Smaller	184.50	118.90	+0.20	
Korea	16.81	17.88	+0.56	
Latin America	48.18	51.25	+0.18	0.07
Mastertrust	76.16	78.55	+0.86	0.79
Premier Eq Gth	232.70	247.60	+2.20	1.04
Premier Eq Inc #	492.20	523.68	+5.18	3.44
SE Asia	32.45	34.53	+1.09	0.67
Southern Africa	48.99	52.12	+0.30	1.05
UK & O'seas	247.40	263.20	-2.90	0.64
UK Eqty Gth	115.20	122.60	+1.00	0.94
UK Eqty Inc #	349.90	372.20	+4.20	3.69
UK Gth & Inc #	413.10	439.50	+4.90	2.33
UK Sm Cos	69.70	74.15	+0.20	0.87
US Growth	308.20	327.70	+2.40	
New Europe ‡	52.73		+0.84	
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Cust: 0800 526 535 Brkr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	468.16	494.23	-3.78	0.17
-do- Accum	521.20	550.98	-4.22	0.12
European Gwth	122.87	130.18	-0.29	0.16
Euro Smlr Cos	133.65	141.94	+0.11	0.02
-do- Accum	135.98	143.99	+0.11	0.02
Far Eastern Gth	86.73	92.51	+1.32	0.25
-do- Accum	88.53	94.43	+1.25	0.25
Gilt & Fixed Inc #	56.95	62.10	-0.07	6.84
Global Bond #	43.83	47.15	-0.04	5.92
-do- Accum #	58.73	63.88	-0.06	5.92
Global Emer Mkts	46.94	50.06	+0.08	0.01
-do- Accum	46.88	50.11	+0.09	0.01
Income #	548.69	583.13	+2.45	4.07
-do- Accum #	1925.65	2054.03	+8.91	4.07
Japan Smlr Cos	227.61	242.78	-1.51	
-do- Accum	228.07	243.27	-1.51	
Japan Enterprise	50.78	54.08	-0.66	
Pacific Grth	104.00	110.93	+3.71	0.95
-do- Accum	108.90	116.16	+3.89	0.95
Portfolio	114.26	121.49	+0.24	1.53
-do- Accum	129.71	137.92	+0.27	1.53
Seoul	15.03	16.03	+0.31	0.83
-do- Accum	15.03	16.03	+0.31	0.83
Strategic Inc	119.36	127.03	+0.42	2.03
Strategic Acc	123.17	131.08	+0.43	2.03
Tokyo	106.35	113.44	-0.70	
-do- Accum	107.43	114.59	-0.70	
UK Enterprise	427.00	455.48	+1.64	1.81
-do- Accum	544.63	580.94	+2.30	1.81
UK Equity	399.75	426.40	+2.05	1.91
-do- Accum	831.96	887.43	+4.28	1.91
UK Smaller Cos	421.36	449.45	+1.11	0.69
-do- Accum	505.16	538.80	+1.33	0.69
US Smlr Cos	347.68	370.67	-4.15	
-do- Accum	347.68	370.67	-4.15	
Institutional Funds				
European	388.43	412.55	+0.79	0.84
-do- Accum	455.84	472.80	+0.90	0.84
Euro Smlr Cos	42.77	44.49		0.86
-do- Accum	46.75	48.68		0.86
Global Equity Inc	108.89	113.81	-0.11	0.72
Japan Smlr Cos	22.37	23.30	-0.12	0.24
-do- Accum	22.63	23.57	-0.12	0.24
Mngd Balanced	265.36	276.24	+0.98	2.57
-do- Accum	319.52	332.63	+1.18	2.57
Overseas Equity	231.70	240.69	+0.63	1.01
-do- Accum	246.19	255.95	+0.67	1.01
Oseas Smlr Cos	130.55	135.98	-0.25	0.79
-do- Accum	139.53	145.34	-0.26	0.79
Pacific	176.67	184.03	+4.87	2.33
-do- Accum	200.08	208.33	+5.51	2.33
Recovery	2882.65	2981.83	+7.78	2.63
-do- Accum	3271.69	3407.91	+8.88	2.63
UK Index	252.43	262.53	+1.27	2.52
-do- Accum	337.09	351.13	+2.37	2.52
UK Small Cos	164.17	171.01	+0.14	2.51
-do- Accum	187.79	195.62	+0.18	2.51
US Smlr Cos	84.51	87.87	-2.23	0.95
-do- Accum	87.38	90.75	-2.30	0.95
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141-204 2280				
Equity Income	81.98	86.61	+1.56	2.04
Equity Tract	107.69	113.25	+2.21	2.33
Equity Strategy	108.90	115.16	+1.48	1.59
European Opps	144.71	153.03	+2.94	0.14
UK Smaller Cos	87.65	92.69	+0.18	1.42
Maximum Inc	98.99	101.56	+0.02	7.63
Japanese	49.53	52.00	-0.46	
Asia Pacific	84.40	89.25	+4.81	0.49
American	185.91	197.56	+2.63	0.83
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	35.55	35.55	+0.01	6.98
UK Eq Gwth Inc	82.32	87.59	+0.40	2.27
-do- Accum	114.47	121.80	+0.58	2.27
Intl Income	360.73	383.67	+1.29	1.31
-do- Accum	640.36	682.47	+2.33	1.31
European	144.74	153.60	+0.67	0.96
Japan	49.08	52.01	-0.72	
American	141.50	149.57	+0.44	0.88
Far East Sec	62.46	66.62	+1.79	2.20
Ethical Inc	48.05	51.41	+0.01	1.68
-do- Accum	50.60	60.53	+0.01	1.68
UK Blue Chip Inc	56.22	58.85	+0.88	2.25
-do- Accum	68.85	73.37	+0.18	2.25
UK Equity Inc	58.16	62.08	+0.36	3.24
-do- Accum	88.26	94.15	+0.58	3.24
UK Global Inc	62.34	66.27	+0.25	1.52
-do- Accum	69.54	74.03	+0.27	1.52
Wwide Tact	105.52	112.20	+0.50	0.89
Europe Tactical	105.83	112.85	+0.85	0.55
Technology	194.40	205.19	-0.68	0.49
Dist Inc	30.65	32.51	+0.10	5.23
-do- Accum	33.04	35.06	+0.11	5.23
UK Eql Inc Inc	27.24	28.82	+0.82	7.02
-do- Accum	29.68	31.39	+0.82	7.02
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	688.40	733.30	+4.30	1.86
American	470.00	497.40	+0.80	0.24
Pacific	308.30	329.70	+0.60	0.34
European	856.10	915.00	+4.40	0.65
Worldwide	101.60	108.30	+0.40	0.23
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
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UK Equity Inc	446.20	474.60	+4.20	1.73
-do- Accum	684.30	842.80	+4.30	1.73
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	289.50	308.90	+1.80	1.66
-do- Accum	351.30	394.30	+1.80	1.66
Select Oppty Inc	118.50	118.10	+1.20	1.46
Income Plus Inc	117.40	124.80	+1.00	3.27
European Inc	380.60	616.30	+0.60	0.62
-do- Accum	673.80	715.00	+0.80	0.62
Far Eastern Inc	122.00	129.70	+4.20	1.62
-do- Accum	142.80	151.90	+4.20	1.62
Japanese Inc	45.44	48.34	-0.49	
Nth American Inc	471.00	502.10	+0.90	0.05
-do- Accum	524.80	556.20	+0.90	0.05
Intl Growth Inc	247.30	262.90	+1.00	0.44
Wwide Venture Inc	109.60	116.40	+0.40	0.42
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
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Equity Inc	590.80	624.20	+6.70	1.84
-do- Accum	925.30	977.40	+10.40	1.84
UK High Inc #	285.60	301.70	+2.60	2.77
-do- Accum #	456.40	482.20	+4.10	2.77
Europa Inc	644.80	681.20	+10.60	0.33
Nth Amer Inc	422.60	446.40	+1.90	
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UK Spec Sits Inc	163.60	172.90	+1.60	1.68
South East Asia	138.20	146.00	+4.60	0.36
Cash Trust Inc	101.70	101.70		6.80
UK Smll Cos Inc	137.90	145.80	+0.58	1.92
-do- Accum	148.40	156.80	+0.70	1.92
Intl Bond Inc	89.78	94.27	+0.48	2.94
International Shst	93.21	98.71	+1.40	
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European	214.90	228.20	+0.30	0.25
Nth American	176.00	187.40	-1.40	
Intl Bond & Conv	138.70	145.50	+0.38	5.64
Pooled Pension	297.50	315.90	+2.30	1.88
Smaller Cos	142.90	150.40	+0.10	1.02
UK General #	222.30	234.00	+1.80	1.76
Far Eastern	63.93	67.29	+0.69	0.64
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
Continental	123.40	130.10	+0.60	0.70
Global Gwth	97.85	103.00	+0.50	1.00
Inv Tst Port	67.77	72.09	+0.48	1.86
Managed	1641.27	1715.51	+13.70	2.10

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Pref Inc #	112.70	119.60	+0.30	8.00
Smaller Cos	297.78	316.70	+0.90	0.80
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UK Equity Inc ‡	115.25		+0.51	4.81
Sterling Reserve ‡	101.63		+0.02	7.00
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Tel Pan ‡	76.95		+1.27	
Atlas ‡	78.45		-0.69	
Atlas Gth Fund ‡	182.15		-0.71	
European ‡	212.46		-0.28	
Global Bond ‡	92.27		-0.17	6.75
Samurai ‡	43.59		-0.10	
UK Growth ‡	136.53		+0.21	2.83
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	101.74		+0.35	3.07
Investment Trust ‡	129.74		+0.49	2.52
The Football Fd ‡	80.73			
Reserve Roll Up ‡	104.05		-0.09	
Dragon Reserve ‡	160.35		-0.30	3.72
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	585.40	618.50	+0.20	
Capital	181.93	192.58	+2.50	1.08
Cash	102.30	102.30	+0.02	6.95
European	209.30	221.40	+2.60	0.03
Far Eastern	134.40	142.10	+1.50	
Growth	217.60	230.20	+3.30	0.38
Income #	178.80	189.20	+1.50	4.74
Magnum	187.50	198.40	+2.40	1.08
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SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
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Celestial Primeur	62.01	66.28	+0.21	7.08
Ethical	97.53	104.38	+0.50	0.92
European Growth	111.20	117.90	+0.80	
Income #	76.46	81.77	+0.31	3.99
Intl Growth	128.60	136.20	+0.30	0.12
Managed	117.10	124.10	+0.60	0.17
UK Growth	92.37	98.79	+0.50	1.13
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
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Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	54.78	54.98		0.99
Global Advtg Acc	60.30	60.61		0.99
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Income Advtg Acc	58.03	58.33		3.42
UK Equity Gth Acc	132.40	140.40		0.86
Premier Inc Inc	54.83	58.75		6.39
Premier Inc Acc	63.09	65.21		6.39
Managed Acc	75.10	79.61		1.83
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	56.24	59.62		3.21
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	77.72	82.33		3.21
UK Smr Cos Acc	60.95	64.61		0.37
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
UK Equity Gen Acc	109.70	116.60		1.29
UK Equity Gen Inc	77.21	82.04		1.29
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	35.30	37.33		5.95
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	396.40	420.30		1.21
Nth American Acc	77.94	82.82		0.21
Pacific Basin	30.33	32.23		1.58
European Acc	73.74	78.35		0.05
Japan Acc	22.15	23.54		0.75
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD				
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FT Europe	213.59	226.80	+1.919	0.99
FT N Amer (US$)	4.098	4.353	+0.001	
FT Japan (yen)	134.20	141.80	-7.21	
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.297	2.440	-0.111	0.97
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0131 226 3271				
American	861.30	898.00	+4.50	
British #	1710.40	1808.60	+7.60	2.03
Emging Mkts	159.20	169.10	-1.70	0.54
Euro Gwth Inc	131.40	139.00	+1.20	
Euro Small Co	67.01	71.28		
Japan	88.76	95.27	-0.50	
Asia Pacific	338.92	358.30	+4.70	1.67
-do- Accum	366.50	389.70	+5.10	1.67
Inv Trust Acc	350.60	371.70	+2.40	0.95
Magd Equity	250.90	263.50	+1.40	1.83
Magd Cash	95.04	98.04	+0.02	6.85
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD				
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Asia Pacific	15.81	16.82	+0.36	2.09
Corp Bd Gtd Inc	108.07	114.97	+0.11	6.14
Corp Bd & Gth Acc	119.64	127.28	+0.12	6.14
European	70.84	75.36	+0.34	0.27
Japan	27.73	29.50	-0.20	0.01
Managed Assets	178.69	191.04	+0.80	1.97
North American	63.14	67.17	+0.14	0.38
Smlr Co's Inc	42.83	45.56	+0.01	1.43
Smlr Co's Acc	47.91	50.97	+0.01	1.43
UK Growth Acc	88.40	94.04	+0.37	1.55
UK Growth Inc	102.82	108.98	+0.44	1.55
Extra Income #	61.23	65.46	+0.24	3.76
Worldwide Gth	49.98	52.45	+0.26	0.36
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD				
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UK Income Inc	83.28	88.60	+0.33	2.42
Mngd Extra Inc Inc #	41.58	43.92	+0.12	5.88
Mngd High Yld Inc	120.30	128.09	+0.57	[illegible]
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	113.80	120.90	+0.19	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	46.19	49.14	+0.14	1.86
Pacific Gth Prd	34.94	37.17	+0.71	0.84
TSB UNIT TRUSTS				
01264 345 794				
American	418.87	443.24	+1.24	
-do- Accum	491.38	489.21	+1.37	
Brit Growth	172.29	182.32	+1.37	1.19
-do- Accum	218.29	230.90	+1.74	1.19
European	169.61	179.48	+0.84	
-do- Accum	181.18	191.71	+0.90	
Extra Income #	286.85	303.55	+2.53	3.62
-do- Accum #	554.90	587.20	+4.80	3.62
Smaller Cos	100.65	106.51	+0.14	0.86
-do- Accum	116.28	123.05	+0.16	0.86
General	489.38	517.88	+3.04	1.37
-do- Accum	1069.48	1131.72	+6.64	1.37
Premier Income	56.42	59.71	+0.04	5.40
-do- Accum	152.31	158.85	+0.12	5.49
Income #	524.92	555.47	+3.91	3.26
-do- Accum #	1271.33	1345.33	+9.48	3.26
Pacific	268.14	283.74	+3.01	0.83
-do- Accum	281.75	298.14	+3.16	0.83
International	770.84	815.70	+4.15	0.32
-do- Accum	1018.60	1077.86	+5.48	0.32
Nat Resources	126.73	134.11	-1.12	0.61
Gold Opps	172.47	182.51	+1.27	0.83
-do- Accum	229.79	243.17	+1.68	0.83
Environmental Inv	118.87	123.67	+0.64	0.65
Selector	97.29	102.95	+0.84	1.21
-do- Accum	115.03	121.73	+0.75	1.21
High Income #	93.28	98.71	+0.72	3.43
-do- Accum #	134.20	142.01	+1.03	3.43
Intl Income	65.88	69.71	+0.05	4.84
-do- Accum	91.35	96.64	+0.07	4.84
Selector Income	84.43	89.34	+0.48	3.35
-do- Accum	111.22	117.69	+0.63	3.35
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED				
0181 657 1018				
British	582.40	592.00	+3.63	1.70
European	108.44	115.48	+0.57	1.00
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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Glob Growth Inc	270.90	285.67	+1.48	3.92
Glob Growth Acc	320.38	338.84	+1.69	3.92
Glob Balnced Inc	219.39	232.16	+1.05	3.99
Glob Balnced Acc	270.99	286.97	+1.43	3.99
Value Tst Inc	167.76	177.52	+0.38	2.19
Value Tst Acc	191.21	202.34	+0.44	2.19
THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 629 0882				
Capital	125.50	133.50	+0.80	0.59
International	84.63	90.00	-1.53	
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THREADNEEDLE INVESTMENTS				
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Threadneedle Investment Services				
Managed Income	53.14	55.64	+0.26	3.69
Cont Mgd Gth Acc	53.20	55.70	+0.19	4.14
Bal Mgd Gth Acc	52.28	54.72	+0.20	2.63
Adv Mgd Gth Acc	51.37	53.79	+0.21	0.88
Threadneedle Investment Funds (OEIC)				
Retail Shares (Class 1)				
UK				
UK Corporate Bd ‡	64.28		+0.02	6.42
UK Equity Inc #	58.23		+0.46	3.56
UK Growth ‡	57.85		+0.38	1.34
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	53.06		+0.37	[illegible]
UK Money Secs ‡	50.67		+0.01	[illegible]
UK Monthly Inc #	54.94		+0.41	[illegible]
UK Select Gwth ‡	57.81		+0.28	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos ‡	55.44		+0.09	0.81
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	51.58		+0.15	[illegible]
European Growth ‡	56.24		+0.03	[illegible]
FE&Jap Gwth Acc ‡	53.98		+0.23	[illegible]
Global Bond ‡	52.87		-0.15	[illegible]
Japan Gwth Acc ‡	37.55		-0.30	
Specialist				
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	53.41		+0.14	0.04
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	55.35		+0.09	
Asia Growth ‡	34.45		+0.68	[illegible]
Euro Sel Gwth ‡	53.85		+0.06	[illegible]
Emg Mkt Bd Fd ‡	54.81		+0.20	6.20
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	56.59		-0.07	
Gib Sm Eu Acc ‡	49.56		+0.18	0.17
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	56.10		-0.28	
Latin Amer Gth ‡	48.31		-0.01	
Institutional Shares (Class 2) (£500,000 min)				
UK				
UK Equity Inc #	58.77		+0.46	4.20
UK Growth ‡	57.51		+0.39	1.89
UK Gwth & Inc ‡	53.14		+0.32	2.99
UK Intl Gwth ‡	57.47		+0.33	1.30
UK Oseas Eqs ‡	55.35		+0.42	1.80
UK Select Gwth ‡	57.59		+0.28	2.07
UK Sm Cos Gwth ‡	55.55		+0.10	1.44
International				
Amer Gwth Acc ‡	51.71		+0.12	0.80
Euro Gwth Acc ‡	58.38		+0.02	0.50
FE & Jap Gth Acc ‡	34.00		+0.28	
Global Bond ‡	52.75		+0.15	7.44
Japan Growth Acc ‡	37.65		-0.30	
Specialist				
Amer Sel Gwth ‡	53.55		+0.14	0.54
Amer Sm Cos Gth ‡	55.41		+0.09	
Asia Growth Acc ‡	34.55		+0.67	0.63
Euro Sel Gth Acc ‡	54.07		+0.06	0.56
Euro Sm Cos Gth ‡	56.65		-0.09	
Jap Sm Cos Gth ‡	56.13		-0.28	
Latin Amer Gth ‡	49.33		-0.01	
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD				
01277 690 330				
UK Eq Inc Acc #	451.46	480.28	+2.90	3.54
UK Equity Gwth	488.76	519.98	+3.07	1.46
European	247.41	263.20	+1.38	0.35
Nth American	118.31	125.86	+0.17	0.03
Far Eastern	58.95	62.71	+0.20	0.61
Money	76.22	76.22	+0.01	6.86
Fixed Interest #	92.48	98.16	-0.08	7.21
Index Linked Gilt	83.96	88.41	-0.15	1.35
VIRGIN DIRECT PFS LTD				
0345 959595				
Income Trust	114.85	114.85		5.70
Pens Growth	139.45	139.45		
Pens Inc Protect	116.74	116.74		
UK Index Tracking @	177.65	177.65	+0.80	1.78
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0131 337 7455				
Australasian Gold	14.36	15.14		
Pacific Basin	23.39	24.82		
Global Bond (US$)	0.9754	1.0160		
Penny Share	45.61	48.87		
Japan Smll Cos	27.22	28.85		
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 623 2444				
Short Dtd Gilt	132.80	133.40		
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.8210	0.8205	+0.002	
Gilt Income	53.29	54.12		6.18
Gilt Growth	88.59	91.06	-0.10	
Sterling Bond	52.68	57.58		6.96
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0181 298 4000				
Intl Mgd	68.02	72.21	+0.82	[illegible]
UK Stockmarket	136.65	145.30	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corporate Bd Inc	52.06	52.80	[illegible]	[illegible]
Do Accum	56.75	56.80	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: FT Information

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The Butcher Boy marks a return to intimacy for director Neil Jordan. **Sheila Johnston** reports

Dragons on the sidelines



CHRIS HARRIS

Irish film-maker Neil Jordan: "People might be shocked. They can if they want to be"

Vampires, ghosts and werewolves stalk Neil Jordan's work. Gangsters fall in love with lesbians. IRA hit-men pine for transvestites and teenage boys explore the Oedipus complex with their mothers. His mysterious, tormented creatures inhabit the fringes of the familiar world. Like medieval maps, his films ought to bear the warning, "Here be dragons".

The demon in his adaptation of Patrick McCabe's Booker Prize short-listed novel, *The Butcher Boy*, is Francie Brady, a pugnacious little redhead growing up in Ireland in the early Sixties. Among the adversaries he faces are a drunken father, a mentally deranged mother, a smug neighbour and a worldly Virgin Mary, played, in a bizarre touch, by Sinéad O'Connor. "People might be shocked. They can if they want to be," the director comments blithely.

The Butcher Boy (see review, facing page) starts as an apparently conventional coming-of-age drama, but Francie's bleak vision never matures and mellows into enlightenment. Arson, murder and madness end up on the agenda. It adds up to an eerie and macabre black comedy unlike anything Jordan has made before.

"A lot of people are quite upset by that character. He's not somebody who is fighting the good fight, is he?" says the director. For all the brooding melancholy of his movies Jordan cuts a rumpled, unfathomably amused figure who appears to view the world in general and interviews in particular with deadpan irony. "But that's the kind of thing that interests me."

Jordan was born in 1951, which would make him an exact contemporary of McCabe's young antihero. And he vividly remembers the Ireland portrayed in the book, a curious mix of mysticism, Cold War paranoia and straitened parochialism. "We used to pray every day to save the world from communism. And Kennedy was a big Irish hero. When I went to London for the first time — I must have been about 18 — I felt I was coming from the Third World. Ireland has changed so totally since the early Sixties that it's almost a different country."

There, he would like to point out, the resemblances end. Francie was kicking his heels in a one-horse town on the North/South Irish border, while Jordan was growing up in Dublin. "My mother was a painter and my father was a teacher. I suppose the household was a little bit odd, a little bohemian." And whereas Francie wallows in junk culture, Jordan's trips to the movies were rationed to once a fortnight and comic books were strictly verboten.

"The parents of my generation came out of small impoverished rural backgrounds and improved themselves through education. And then I suppose I came along with no apparent desire to improve myself in any way whatsoever. I was slipping back to the mire from which they came. My father was a hugely intelligent man — he used to study mathematics. I think he was probably scared of madness. Afraid of the untrammelled use of your brain and your imagination. So when I began writing, it disturbed him.

> "I write myself and so I don't have to find a script"

"My stuff was quite black, quite despairing. And at the time writers didn't have very good lives in Ireland — you either had to go away or you became an alcoholic. I went to London and took casual labouring jobs. I was to all intents and purposes unemployable."

After bumming around in this way for several years, Jordan was vindicated when his collection of short stories, *Night in Tunisia*, won the *Guardian* Fiction Prize in 1979. And he kept writing: the complex relationship with his father, whose sudden death in 1984 precipitated a self-confessed crisis, later inspired another acclaimed novel, *Sunrise with Sea Monster*.

And, perhaps more unusually in a movie industry which has waxed and waned wildly since he made his first film, *Angel*, in 1982, he has enjoyed a remarkably sustained career, with high-profile successes such as *Mona Lisa*, *The Company of Wolves* and *The Crying Game* to his credit. *The Butcher Boy* is his tenth movie. An eleventh, as yet untitled, a psychological thriller — "a bit like *Repulsion* or *Don't Look Now* — starring Annette Bening and Robert Downey Jr, is already completed, and a script for a twelfth, an adaptation of Graham Greene's *The End of the Affair*, awaits a green light from Columbia Studio. There has been the odd clinker — notably *High Spirits* and the Sean Penn/Robert De Niro caper comedy *We're No Angels* — but by and large Jordan has held a steady bead on his singular vision.

"I write myself and so I don't have to wait around and find a script. If you go to Hollywood and get involved in that system, each film gets bigger and bigger and becomes a larger gamble. You become more and more careful about what you do and spend maybe four years between movies. The most difficult thing for me, in a strange way, was going back to the intimacy of a tiny film after *Interview with the Vampire* and *Michael Collins*."

The Butcher Boy was, in fact, backed by a studio, Warner Brothers: "They were puzzled by it, to say the least," Jordan admits. "My work is very short on happy endings and maybe it's because stories that mean something very often don't have those. I like films to be about something. I prefer to invent and a lot of movies these days are just reinventing things."

'Return to sender'

Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

■ *THE POSTMAN*

Damian Samuels, 20: This film just didn't deliver. A definite contender for worst film of the year.

Leslie Isaiah Thomas, 20: Return to sender — what a dud movie.

Laura Brook, 19: Young Brit actress Olivia Williams makes a powerful screen debut.

Eleanor Zeal, 19: Costner still has his charm. The scenes between him and his screen love interest sizzle.

■ *THE BOXER*

Damian: A real knock-out. Daniel Day-Lewis is both physically and emotionally powerful in this gripping movie.

Leslie: Emily Watson stakes her claim as one of our finest young actresses.

Laura: I was out for the count! What a wicked film.

Eleanor: It gave me a real insight into the problems facing those in Northern Ireland. Highly recommended.

■ *THE BUTCHER BOY*

Damian: One minute normal, the next minute weird. A waste of celluloid.

Leslie: An unsuccessful film that makes little use of the talent of Fiona Shaw.

Laura: An odd little movie that simply does not work.

Eleanor: Sinéad O'Connor is a vision as the Virgin Mary.

SNAP VERDICT

NEW ON VIDEO

Up on the roof

■ L'APPARTEMENT
(Artificial Eye, 15, 1996)
AN EBULLIENT French divertissement from a new and promising director, Gilles Mimouni. Lovelorn twenty-somethings tie themselves in knots in a romantic Paris of rooftop apartments, staircases, streets and cafés, all lovingly crafted in a studio. Time slips between the present and past as Vincent Cassel's Max, on the verge of marriage, attempts to locate a lost girlfriend. Mimouni plays with narrative's building blocks, but his games never squeeze out human feeling; and the cast makes us share the yearning and torment. Available to rent or buy.

■ CAREER GIRLS
(Film Four, 15, 1996)
COMING after *Secrets & Lies*, Mike Leigh's latest may appear rather slight. But this wayward tale of two college friends (Katrin Cartlidge and Lynda Steadman) meeting up in London after six years develops into a deeply affecting exploration of friendship, fond hopes and harsh reality. Scenes cut between the past and present, allowing us to see how time has mellowed Cartlidge's prickly misfit and Steadman's wallflower. College scenes in particular suffer from the director's old vice of extreme social caricature; but Leigh's observations soon deepen, and after many funny and melancholy moments you want the best for these career girls. A rental release.

■ THE CHAMBER
(CIC, 15, 1997)
ANOTHER product of the John Grisham factory, though an unusual one, for instead of extravagant plots and courtroom stunts, we get, suitably, a chamber piece. It's a strikingly gloomy affair that invites unwarranted sympathy for Gene Hackman's racist, awaiting execution on Death Row for killing two black children. Chris O'Donnell is his lawyer (and his grandson), who tries to win a reprieve, although it's hard to cheer him on. Unusually sober direction from James Foley adds to the film's lowering effect. Available to rent.

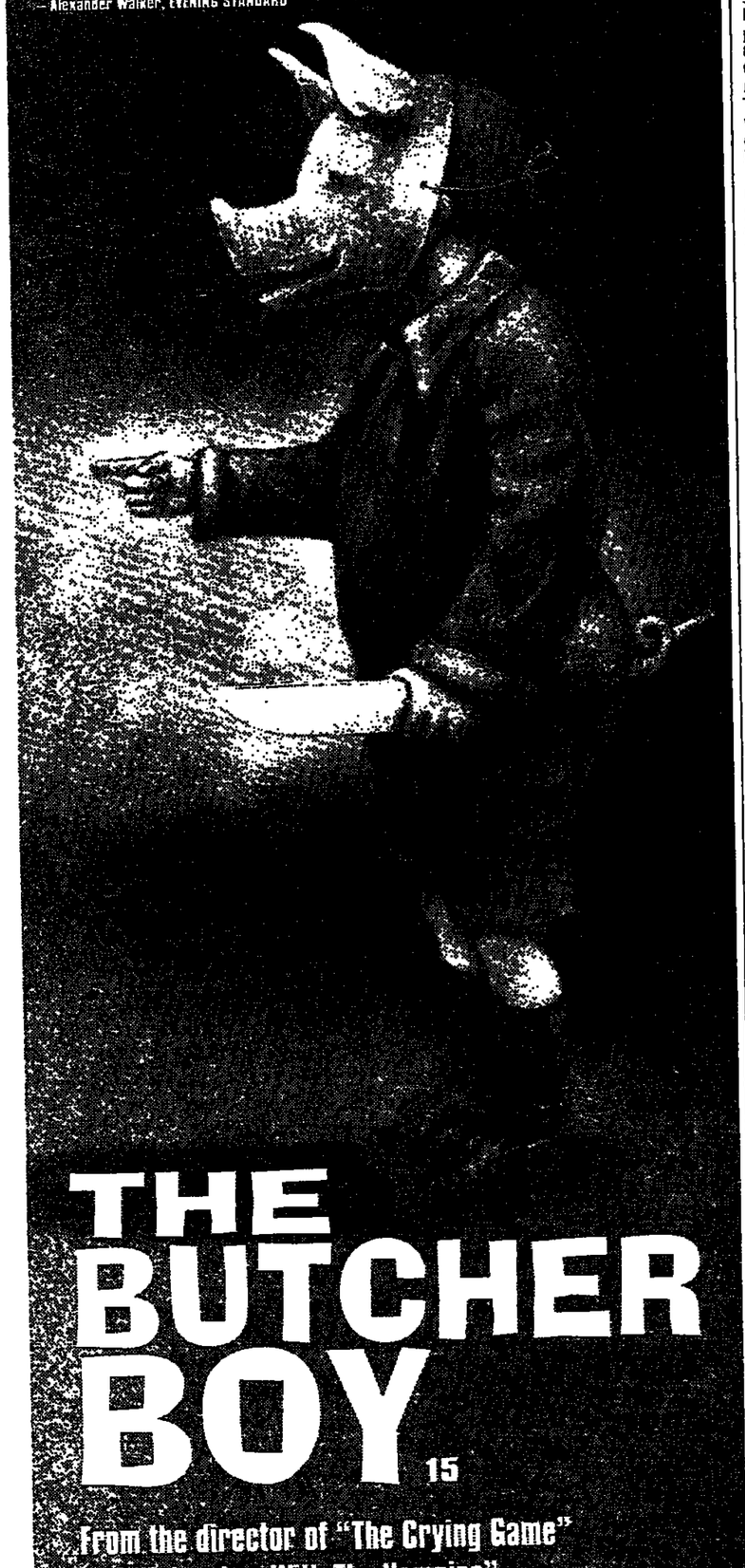
■ CONSPIRACY THEORY
(Warner, 15, 1997)
MEL GIBSON'S New York cabbie babbles on about conspiracies to Julia Roberts's Justice Department attorney. She eventually takes him seriously, which is more than we do in this whopping piece of Hollywood nonsense. The two players never work as a team: Gibson lays on the wacky charm, but with Roberts, star or no, you stare into a void. Richard Donner directs in slam-bang fashion; Patrick Stewart wastes his time as an ambiguous government psychiatrist. A rental release.

■ MA VIE SEXUELLE
(Fox World Cinema, 15, 1996)
THREE hours spent with talkative young Paris intellectuals may not immediately take your fancy. But keep patient with this epic, and youngish director Arnaud Desplechin sucks you into the dithering world of Paul Dedalus, philosophy lecturer, whose thesis and love life sprawl in chaos. A fresh leading player helps. Mathieu Alamric boasts tousled hair and an engaging smile, most helpful when unleashing daunting paragraphs of self-analysis. Bizarre comedy also keeps the film surprising. Available to rent.

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Costner dons his suit of mail again

NEW MOVIES: Geoff Brown sees the thinking man's Rambo return in the almost-successful *The Postman*



Kevin Costner gets himself into another fine mess in *The Postman*, the futuristic tale of one man's fight for truth, justice and the American way

For a man who once danced with wolves, delivering letters may not seem too exciting a job. But there Kevin Costner stands, in blue cap and uniform, postbag slung round his shoulders, ready to bring news to the folks of Pineview, Oregon. He is **The Postman**. He is the film's star, its director, its guiding light. He guides it, too, in much the same way as *Dances with Wolves*.

Of course, Costner's postman is no ordinary postman. The year is 2013; when war has destroyed American democracy and high technology, reducing the country to primitive communities living in fear of a strutting dictator, one General Bethlehem (nicely pitched by Will Patton).

Conscripted into Bethlehem's army, Costner escapes, finds a postman's uniform and assumes the role for convenience. To Pineview, he brings a flicker of hope; he spins a yarn that a new President, Richard Starkey by name, is knitting the country together. Most people believe him and, while Bethlehem snarls, rapes and pillages, the postman finds himself a catalyst for change. "You are God-sent," one citizen enthuses. "No," Costner says in his best "aw shucks" manner, "I'm just the postman."

His modesty does not convince, for Costner the director keeps thrusting Costner the actor centre-stage, and plonking a halo on top. Passionate concerns for America's first principles, freedom and democracy, course through the film. Hot air and clumsy drama come with them; and it is impossible not to laugh at times as the opposing sides thrash out their beliefs, or the film's strong-willed love interest suddenly turns gooey.

Yet you still keep watching, curious and bemused, for almost three hours. Costner's direction keeps the saga sweeping onwards. Scenery and costumes attract the eye. And British actress Olivia Williams impresses as the spirited Abby, object of Costner's affections. For all its manifold faults, at least *The Postman* isn't junk mail.

Red hair. A mobile and mischievous face. Limbs lurching out unexpectedly. But the most striking aspects of **The Butcher Boy** lie inside his head. Francie Brady, the 12-year-old star of Patrick McCabe's novel, now conscientiously filmed by Neil Jordan (*see interview, facing page*), wanders the streets of his small Irish town in the early 1960s living out a fantasy built from American TV shows, fear of the atomic bomb and a slaughterhouse sense of humour. As the film proceeds, the boy's grip on reality weakens: he grows more and more violent, fit for reform school and, finally, asylums.

There are reasons. These fantasies are his defences against a hostile world and a collapsing family. Father is a drunkard. Mother is heading for a nervous breakdown. Love and support are nowhere. Then death steps in to make life even bleaker.

Even so, Jordan makes it hard to murmur "Dear, dear" over time, Francie's belligerence becomes positively frightening, especially as portrayed by Eamonn Owens, new to acting but not to face-mugging. As Francie roamed the streets, blasting out insults, I realised that I, too, if transferred back to childhood, would be among his victims. I would be Philip Nugent, shy, bullied, living in fear of this obstreperous kid.

Finding Francie and *The Butcher Boy* amusing, therefore, was not an easy task. Not that Jordan shapes the film as a riotous black comedy. He determinedly pursues the novel's horror, pathos and gallows humour with a style flexible enough to embrace comic-strip imagery and visions of the Virgin Mary. The first person narrative is retained, intermittently, in Francie's adult voice, excellently supplied by Stephen Rea (also cast as Francie's sodden father). His sardonic comments provide a framework; otherwise, the film could crumble into episodic japes, mournful rages and frenzy.

A prickly viewing experience, then; and, as such, worth seeking out. But there still seems something excessive in the way the film hurtles in tandem with its budding sociopath. If Jordan had trod just a little more gently, we might feel less battered and more humbled by a soul in torment.

"You used to make me laugh," Emily Watson complains to Daniel Day-Lewis in **The Boxer**. But 14 years in jail for IRA activities seem to have snuffed out his sparkle: he is withdrawn, ill at ease in the outside world. Humour plays little part in this film from Jim Sheridan and scriptwriter Terry George, makers of *In the Name of the Father*, although it desperately needs jokes to leaven the political drama and romantic melancholy.

This is a pity, for some careful thought went into the film's creation. The stresses and strains within today's IRA form an interesting background. Brian Cox, the pragmatic local boss, endeavours to strike a deal with the British; Gerard McSorley's hard man sticks with the bomb and the gun. Day-Lewis and Watson work hard at their parts as they rekindle old flames. Greater enthusiasm, however, is not possible. You long to be stirred as the lovers thread through divided Belfast, or Day-Lewis fights for peace at the non-sectarian community centre. Instead you feel detached and wearied by the film's worthiness.

Prisoner of the Mountains, made in 1996, does a much better job of thrusting audiences into one of the world's hot spots. The plotline comes from a Tolstoy novel; the background is the conflict in Chechnya. We follow the fortunes of two wounded Russian soldiers held hostage in a mountain village. Sergei Bodrov, the director, excels at direct, poignant observation, and he captures beautifully the waiting the prisoners must do as an exchange deal is attempted.

Bodrov takes no sides. Everyone suffers, family ties are broken, lives disrupted, or at worst terminated. But humour is never banished. Oleg Menshikov gives a roguish twinkle to his soldier, Sacha; and Sergei Bodrov Jr, the director's son, brings an unforced charm to the young recruit Vanya, who catches the eye of his captor's daughter. Truth, beauty, and power: this small spellbinder has it all.

A spell is cast, too, by **All Over Me**, a wonderfully fresh American coming-of-age story that gives the awkwardness and fears of the teen years full rein. The film, written and directed by two sisters, Alex and Sylvia Sichel, first came to town last year for the London Lesbian and Gay Film Festival; but wider audiences should revel in its human insights, visual sheen, and the touching, unaffected performances, particularly by Alison Folland. She plays Claude, a chunky teenager just graduating from high school, still forming her sexual identity. Death casts a shadow; decisions are agonised over. Life, in this film, brings responsibilities; by itself, this distinguishes *All Over Me* from the superficial romps that flood the teen market.

Rothschild's Violin feels more like an opera video than a fully fledged movie. The middle chunk contains a stodgy rendition of a one-act opera by Benjamin Fleischmann, a student of Shostakovich who perished in the siege of Leningrad. But the film, directed by Edgardo Cozarinsky, only comes alive at the beginning and end, where the opera's background is explored in docu-drama style.

The Postman
Warner West End
15, 178 mins
Kevin Costner delivers an important message

The Butcher Boy
Warner West End,
15, 108 mins
Scary tale of a budding sociopath

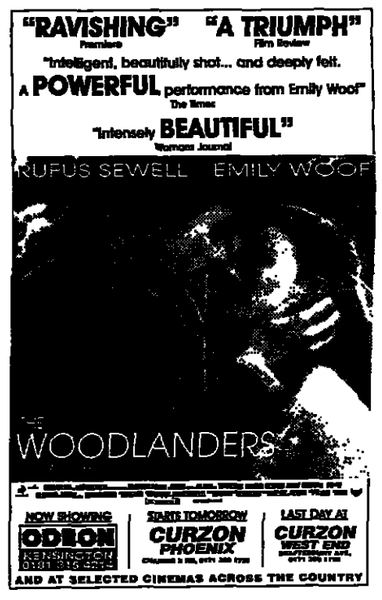
The Boxer
Empire, 15, 114 mins
Drab tale of love and boxing in Belfast

Prisoner of the Mountains
Curzon Mayfair,
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Powerful drama about the Chechen conflict

All Over Me
National Film Theatre,
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Wonderfully fresh coming-of-age story

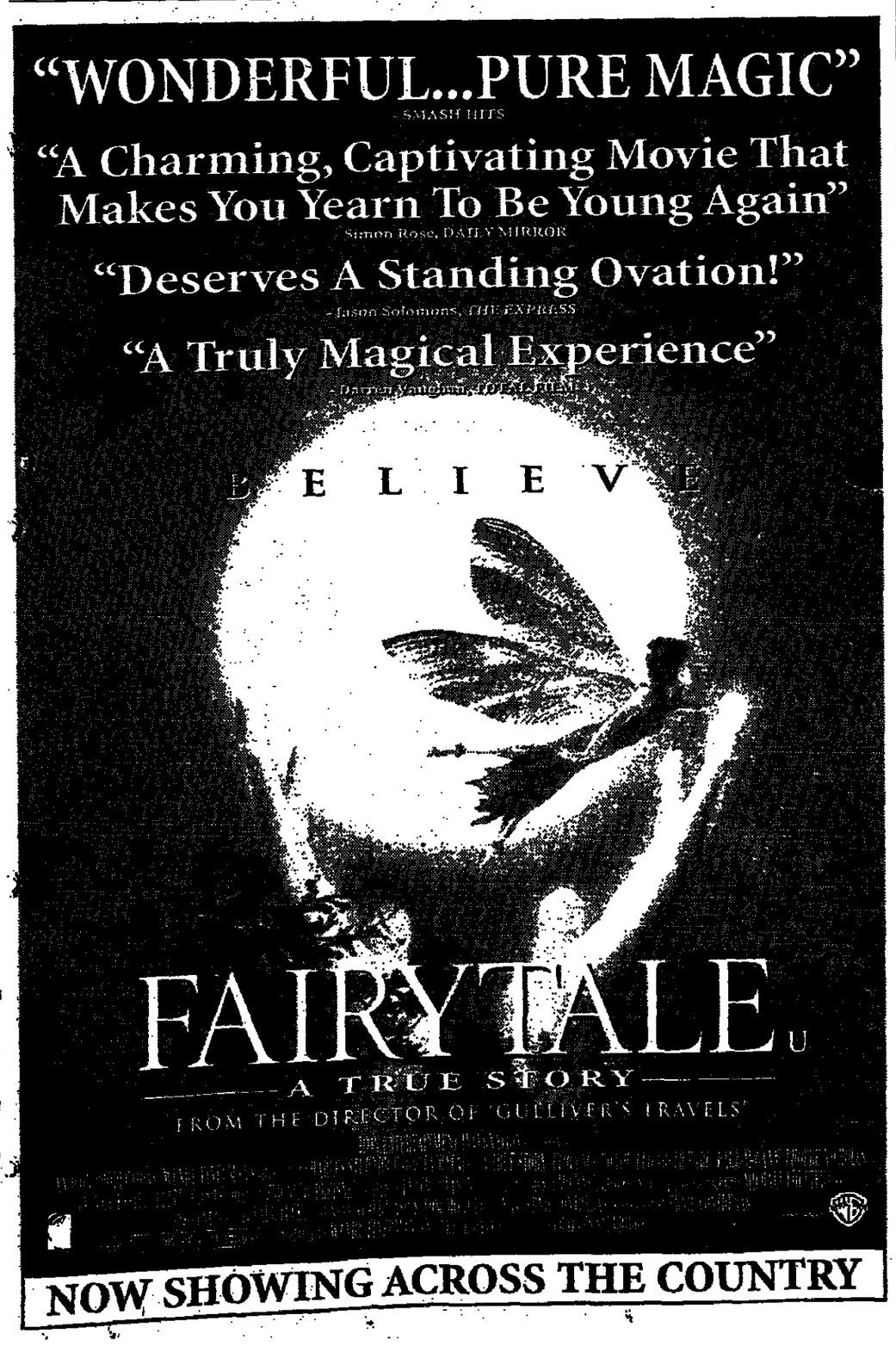
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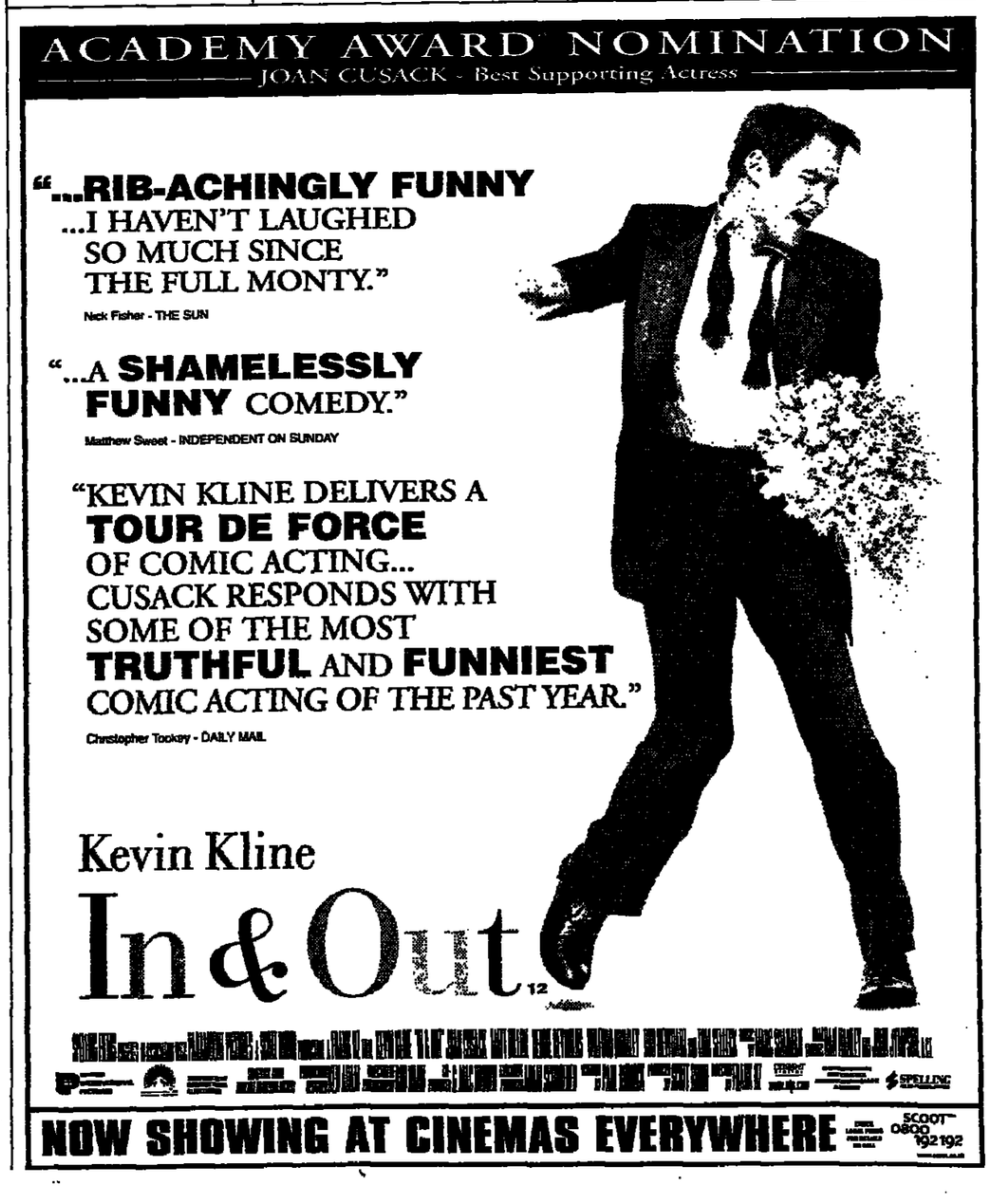




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GIULIO CESARE: First seen at the Barbican last autumn, Lindsay Posner's debut production for the Royal Opera of Handel's epic tale of rivalries in love and war, arrives here for a short run. A fine cast of singers includes Ann Murray in the title role, Amanda Roocroft as *Cleopatra*, and Yvonne Howard as Cornelia. Ivor Bolton conducts
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue WC2 (0171-379 5399). Opens tonight, 6.30pm.

SHOSTAKOVICH: Conductor/cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, a pupil and personal friend of the late Russian composer, joins the London Symphony Orchestra for an epic orchestral survey covering the entire cycle of Shostakovich's 15 symphonies. Tonight's opening programme features *Symphonies Nos 1 and 2 and the suite from the comic opera The Nose*
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). *Tonight, 7.30pm.*

MADAM BUTTERFLY: First night for *David Freeman's spectacular in-the-round staging of Puccini's popular* tearjerker in a new translation by *Amanda Holden*. Peter Robertson, formerly assistant music director at the ENO, conducts the BBC Concert *Orchestra and an international cast*. With aquatic designs by David Roger
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Opens tonight, 7.30. Then Mon-Sun, 7.30pm, mats Sat and Sun (March 1) 2.30pm. Until March 1.

VOCAL WONDERS: This second concert by the Joyful Company of Singers in the series titled *Vaughan Williams and Friends*, offers vocal works from the 20th century. Peter Broadbent conducts a selection of works by the eponymous composer, followed by pieces by Paul Reade, Anthony Milner, Michael and Lennox Berkeley and William Walton. With soloists Connor Burrowes, Christopher Foster and Neil Jenkins, and organist Alistair Young
St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (0171-222 1061). *Tonight, 7.30pm*

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie



Rostropovich conducts the LSO at the Barbican

ELSEWHERE

EDINBURGH: The internationally acclaimed trombonist Christian Lindberg *joins the Scottish Chamber Orchestra* under Joseph Swensen for the world premiere of Lyell Cresswell's *Trombone Concerto* followed by another work for the trombone by David. Stravinsky's Octet and Mendelssohn's Fifth Symphony complete the programme.
Queen's Hall, Clerk Street (0131-668 2019). *Tonight, 7.45pm.*

LEEDS: The latest horror experience *from Irvine Welsh* is **You'll Have Had Your Hole**, set in a sound-proofed recording studio where two men mete out a kind of justice to a third. Directed by Ian Brown, who staged the first production of *Trainspotting*.
Courtyard, West Yorkshire Playhouse, Quarry Hill (0113-213 7700). Previews *from tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Feb 24, 7.45pm.* Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed (March 4), 2pm and Sat (Feb 28, March 7, 21), 3pm. Until March 21.

MANCHESTER: The distinguished Hungarian conductor Janos Fürst makes his debut with the Halle Orchestra tonight in a programme of Suk's brooding Asrael Symphony and Richard Strauss's Four Last Songs. With *the soprano Judith Howarth as soloist.*
Bridgewater Hall, Lower Mosley Street (0161-907 9000). Tonight, 7.30pm.

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON: In Adrian *Noble's first direction of* **The Tempest**, David Calder plays Prospero, with Robert Glenister as Caliban and Penny *Layden playing Miranda.*
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Waterside (01789 295623). Previews from tonight, *7.30pm. Opens Feb 25, 7pm. In repertoire.*

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Shaker: The Art of Craftmanship *(0171-638 8891)* **Hayward:** Henri Cartier-Bresson: Europeans (0171-928 3144) **Lisson:** Anish Kapoor (0171-724 2739) .. **Museum of London:** Bedlam: Custody, care and cure (0171-600 0807) .. **National Portrait:** Edwardian Photographs (0171-306 0055) .. **Royal Academy:** The Regional Collections (0171-300 8000) .. **Saatchi:** Alex Katz (0171-624 8299) . **Tate:** *Pierre Bonnard (0171-887 8000)*

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

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■ **ART:** Roger Allam, Mick Ford and Jack Dee in this exceptionally interesting drama about friendship, unspoken resentment and an almost all-white painting
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-369 1736). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, 3pm, Sat and Sun, 5pm

◩ **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**
Disney's film turned into a hit Broadway musical. Julie-Alanah Brighten and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the likes of Derek Griffiths and Norman Rossington
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 *(0171-416 6060). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm*

◩ **A DELICATE BALANCE:** Eileen Atkins hauntingly chilling in welcome revival of Albee's play about marriage, parenthood and neighbourliness. Maggie Smith plays the drunk sister. Anthony Page directs
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (0171-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **EVERYMAN:** Joseph Mydell in the title role of the well-known but rarely produced religious drama from circa 1500. Last year's Stratford production, admirable in parts
Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk St, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm, *mat today and Sat, 2pm. In repertoire*

☐ **IN FIVE YEARS' TIME:** Rare opportunity to see Lorca's allegorical "mystery play about time", where a young bridegroom is dithering between reality and escapism. Marta Momblant Ribas directs a cast from Complicite, Teatre de Soleil and Le Coq
Southwark Playhouse, 62 Southwark Bridge Road, SE1 (0171-620 3494). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until March 7

☐ **MISS ROACH'S WAR:** Chloe Salaman in the title role of this wartime thriller, adapted by Richard Kane, who plays the sinister Thwaites, from Patrick Hamilton's novel *The Slaves of Solitude*. Jenny Lee directs a co-*production with Wimbledon's Attic* Theatre
Warehouse, Dingwall Rd, East Croydon (0181-680 4060). Tue, 6.30pm, Wed-Sat, 8pm, mat Sun, 5pm. Until Feb 22.

☐ **OF BLESSED MEMORY:** Set in Brooklyn, George Rattner's characters include different sects of Jews, Puerto Ricans and drug dealers. Glimpses of life on the edge
King's Head, Upper Street, N1 (0171-226 1916). Then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until March 22.

■ **PETER PAN:** Ian McKellen plays Hook and Mr Darling, with Daniel Evans as the boy who won't grow up and Alec McCowen as the Storyteller, in a new *version by Trevor Nunn (who also directs)* and John Caird
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mat today and Sat, 2pm. In repertoire

☐ **RICHARD III:** Eddie Marsan plays the villainous hero in Guy Retallack's production, set in the East End's gangsterland of the 1960s.
Pleasance Theatre, 40 North Rd, N7 (0171-609 1800). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thur, 2.30pm and Sun, 5pm.

☐ **ROMEO AND JULIET:** Brave attempt at a user-friendly production. Unconvincing but colourful. Last playhere before the theatre closes
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (0181-858 7755). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. Until March 28.

☐ **STEPPING OUT:** Musical version of Richard Harris's hit play (music and lyrics by Denis King and Mary Stewart David). Julia McKenzie directs Liz Robertson and her hopeful hoofers.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730). *Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thur,* 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**, Phoenix (0171-369 1733) . **Buddy**, Strand (0171-930 8800) ☐ **Grease**, Cambridge (0171-494 5080) ☐ **Martin Guerre**, Prince Edward (0171-447 5400) ◩ **Les Misérables**, Palace (0171-434 0909) . ◩ **Miss Saigon**, Drury Lane (0171-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**, St Martin's (0171-836 1443) . ◩ **Oliver!**, Palladium (0171-494 5020) ☐ **Starlight Express**, Apollo Victoria (0171-416 6054) ☐ **The Woman in Black**, Fortune (0171-836 2238)

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NEW RELEASES

THE BLACKOUT (18): Hollywood star goes off the deep end with drink and drugs. Unedifying drama from director Abel Ferrara. With Matthew Modine, Claudia Schiffer
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◆ **FAIRYTALE: A TRUE STORY** (U): Are the Cottingley fairy photographs real or fake? Muddled drama inspired by a fascinating story; good effects, though. With Paul McGann, Phoebe Nicholls, Peter O'Toole, Harvey Keitel
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GOOD BURGER (PG): Simple, very American comedy about a modest fast-food outlet threatened by a giant chain. It helps if you're nuts about eating burgers. With Kel Mitchell and Kenan Thompson. Director, Brian Robbins
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◆ **IN & OUT** (12): Can Kevin Kline's English teacher possibly be gay? Appealing mainstream comedy, *directed by Frank Oz. With Joan Cusack,* Matt Dillon and Tom Selleck.
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SICK, *THE LIFE & DEATH OF BOB* FLANAGAN, SUPERMASOCHIST: Remarkable portrait about a remarkable man: not for the squeamish. Director, Kirby Dick.
ICA (0171-930 3647)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

CURRENT

◆ **THE ICE STORM** (15): Connecticut families in 1973 have sex on the brain. Wonderfully observant social drama, with Kevin Kline and Sigourney Weaver
Barbican (0171-638 8891) **Chelsea** (0171-351 3742) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Gate** (0171-727 4043) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Odeon Haymarket** (0181-315 4212) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **Screen/Hill** (0171-435 3366) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Warner** (0171-437 4343)

IN THE COMPANY OF MEN (18): *Young male executives play with the affections of a deaf office worker.* Brilliant, unsettling, darkly funny drama by Neil LaBute. With Aaron Eckhart, Matt Malloy and Stacy Edwards.
ABCs: Panton Street (0171-930 0631) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Ritzy** (0171-737 2121) **Virgin Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

STELLA DOES TRICKS (18): Powerful British portrait of a teenage prostitute, with a riveting performance by Kelly Macdonald. Director, Coky Giedroyc.
Metro (0171-437 0757)

◆ **TITANIC** (12): Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio fall in love on the doomed liner. *Ultimately overwhelming epic*, directed by James Cameron.
ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-636 6148) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **Greenwich** (0181-235 3005) **Notting Hill Coronet** (0171-727 6705) **Odeons: Camden Town** (0181-315 4255) **Kensington** (0181-315 4214) ***Leicester Square** (0181-315 4215)* **Marble Arch** (0181-315 4216) **Swiss Cottage** (0181-315 4220) **UCI Whiteleys** *(0990 888990)* **Virgins: Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636)

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Like Mingus's bands, which embraced all styles without a hint of contrivance, Mingus Moves proved accommodating to a range of improvisational approaches. Weston, all splashy, percussive freedom, and Biscoe, adventurous yet dignified, were the daring liberty-takers. Lowther favoured a more overtly tuneful approach, his solos flaring out over the steady dependability of the rhythm section. Brand was generally elegant and restrained, but proved in a delightful duo with Weston during *Duke's Choice* that she was also a skilful exponent of freely improvised jazz.

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Interview with the vampire

If our caring, compassionate rulers have their way, there will soon be only two blood sports. One will be the review, or at least the kind of wittily scathing review written by John Simon in *New York magazine* or Victor Lewis-Smith in the *Evening Standard*. But with even some upmarket editors giving less and less space to critics, and modern England becoming what a character in David Lodge's acute, amusing *Home Truths* calls "a culture of gossip", the other blood sport looks like being longer-lived. That is the interview, as practised by people called Tattle, Snipe or Lynn Barber.

Home Truths
Birmingham Rep

The first play in the trilogy Lodge is penning for Birmingham Rep involved creative writing courses, and the third will be on some literary topic as well. The subject of *Home Truths*, which is the second play in the series, becomes clear as soon as Brian Protheroe's Adrian and his wife, Margot Leicester's Eleanor, settle down with the Sunday papers. Oh dear, beside all the stuff about royalty, Blair's love of *Ivanhoe* and Branson's regrettable trains, is a celebrity interview. It accuses the couple's screenwriter friend, Cliff Howells's Samuel, of being vain, brash, egoistic and wearing a toupee.

Thereupon Howells arrives in a Range Rover with the number plate SAM 1, exuding brash egoistic outrage from underneath the toupee. Lodge's play has some nice ironies and, as it turns out, a subtler plot than we are at first led to expect.

Samuel urges Adrian, a semi-retired novelist whose first and most famous novel still excites the A-level examiners, to take revenge on the interviewer by inviting her to interview him, recording the event, and then publishing his counter-interview with her. And, somewhat implausibly, she appears to fall for the trick. That brings Rachel Pickup's Fanny Tarrant, complete with elegant white suit and vowels apt self-consciously to blend Basildon with LA, on to Fran Thompson's arresting if overwrought set: a country living-room backed by a craggy cave of congealed books. And her encounter with Adrian allows Lodge to continue asking questions about contemporary interviews. Do they usefully subvert the hype of the famous, pander to envy and cruelty, destroy creative people's peace of mind, deliver them salutary knocks, or what?

This two-way conversation ends with them both returning from Adrian's sauna and being interrupted by the returning Eleanor. Lodge the aspiring dramatist should probably write out the following 100 times: in good plays cars don't conveniently run out of petrol in order for wives to discover husbands in compromising postures. But what really matters is that he moves into the more serious part of *Home Truths* at a time and from an angle not conducive to depth. That fine emotional actress, Margot Leicester, is particularly shortchanged by revelations about love, abortion, failure and sacrifice that are too cursorily treated to matter as much as they could.

Myself, I also found the ending sentimental; but then I must confess that I did not dash with flowers to Kensington Palace on hearing of Diana, Princess of Wales's death. Others in the new caring, compassionate Britain may find that it serves Lodge's purpose, which is to put celebrity interviews into perspective. Certainly it does not spoil a play that is mostly sharp, intelligent, surprising and fun. We should look forward to the next part of Lodge's literary trilogy — *Weird Processor*, or whatever it's called — with real anticipation.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DONALD COOPER



Brian Protheroe and Rachel Pickup in David Lodge's funny and thoughtful *Home Truths*

Particularly fine de siècle

Shelagh Stephenson's new play is one of the most imaginative tilts at millennium anxiety that you're likely to see this side of the new century. It is inspired by a Joseph Wright painting circa 1768, which depicts an experiment to show that life, in this case a bird trapped in a bell jar, could not exist in a vacuum. Matthew Lloyd brings the oily candle-lit portrait to life in mid-experiment with the scientist, Dr Fenwick of Newcastle, surrounded by his family on a set that looks like a cross between the London Dungeon and an antique planetarium.

An Experiment With An Air-Pump
Manchester

Skeletons, stuffed birds and snakes dangle from the roof of the Royal Exchange. It is an extraordinary set by Julian McGowan for an extraordinary play that links the study of anatomy to the riots of the industrial revolution, the birth of Roget's thesaurus, and what Fenwick calls "the restless, irresistible advance of science" as social engineering to rescue the masses from ignorance.

That's merely half of Stephenson's play. The other half, set around New Year's Eve 1999, finds the present occupants of Fenwick's house moving out so it can be turned into a corporate hotel. But it is not the Disney-fying of our heritage that is Stephenson's primary concern. It is the cutting up of bodies and the selective breeding of foetuses that provide the chilling link between these brave new worlds.

"At 13 years of age other girls wanted to be Marc Bolan. I wanted to be God," says Dearbhla Molloy's genetic scientist, Ellen, in 1999. Her unease about taking up a lucrative commercial post and exploiting her knowledge of genetic fingerprinting is aggravated by David Horovitch's Tom, who thinks it could be another form of discrimination.

Horovitch, doubling as the visionary Fenwick, has no such qualms in 1799. "We want to storm into the next century, not doze into it," rails the wild-haired scientist. The outspoken humanist thrills his students, Roget and a visiting physician, Armstrong, but singularly fails to cut any mustard with his own wife and daughters.

It is the way Stephenson anchors her exhilarating ideas in these domestic squabbles that makes her play a first-rate drama. Tom Smith plays the young Roget as the sort of pedantic repressed twit one always suspected him to be. The real experimenting is conducted by Tom Mannion's Armstrong, who is mesmerised by Fenwick's young hunch-backed servant Isobel (Pauline Lockhart), who effortlessly scene-steals with her cool, clinical way with words and her equally cool view of her disability.

JAMES CHRISTOPHER

Unfunny at any angle

Much Ado About Nothing
Barbican

MICHAEL BOYD'S production is largely unremarkable although fortunately, as so often proves to be the case, the sparring between Beatrice and Benedick is amusingly done, and their cautious approaches to rapture become genuinely affecting.

Before addressing the performances of Siobhan Redmond and Alex Jennings, here is a warning to anyone planning a visit to this production. If you decide you would like to know what is happening at the rear of Tom Piper's insanely deep stage, do not sit at the end of any row. And the closer you sit to the front the less you will see.

The set is a plainish white box. The only side-wall visible to me contained two plainish entrances, although production photos hint at something different the other side. There is certainly a panelled door at the rear which may be one half of a pair, and at the very end of the play the lid of the box lifts up to reveal a dark blue sky. I might have understood the purpose of this if I had seen what happened when the back door opened. A sigh of pleasure came murmuring from centrally seated members of the audience. Perhaps Don John is being dragged back in chains. Or the patron saint of Messina is extending a blessing. My guess is that Mount Etna is in full eruption. Does the ticket office advise customers that side seats have a restricted view? What do you think?

Fireworks from Etna would not be out of keeping with some of Boyd's unwise attempts to thrust his own sense of comedy into the play. For Benedick to climb a tree to overhear himself discussed is reasonable, but he is made to fall out of it, hide beneath a table and shuffle the table around the stage, jerking at each fresh nugget of news. The members of the Watch approach the conspirators by pretending to be portraits in empty picture frames. It's mirthless.

However, there is genuine comedy accompanying the wit in Jennings's effervescent rage, and he displays a fine dignity when rejecting his former companions. Redmond finds insufficient passion for her quiet "Kill Claudio," contrasting with Jennings's emphasis on the final word of "Think you in your soul?", which does seem to spring truly from the heart. They are a likeable pair, even if Boyd inevitably coarsens their final embrace. But then, this is a production that goes in for the supposedly comic overkill.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Room for one more in the Hall of fame?

Jeremy Kingston meets a young director treading in some famous footsteps

ADRIAN SHERRATT



Edward Hall gets ready for his RSC debut at the Swan

The sensible strategy for keen young directors embarking on a career is to resist any impulse to introduce their skills to the world with yet another production of *Woyzeck*, sure to be the fifth that month, and look around for a play that no one has staged in living memory.

Some luck is needed, and good timing too, neither of which were much in evidence when Edward Hall staged Byron's *Cain* at the fag-end of the 1992 Chichester season. The press were invited to the third of only four performances, and by the time the notices appeared the play had closed. Even so, the short run was four performances longer than any previous production in this country.

Next week *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, Hall's first production for the RSC, opens in the Swan at Stratford upon Avon. Since a family connection with the company will have to be mentioned eventually the revelation might as well come at once: he is the son of Sir Peter, who of course established the RSC in its present form and has gone on to run the National Theatre and now his own company in the West End.

While driving to Stratford to interview the younger Hall it occurs to me that sons of famous fathers are seldom thrilled to be asked straight away how they get on with their old man. So when we are settled in a spare room with healthy tea, I recall his production of *Cain*, where Samuel West's hero argued the theological toss with Alexis Denisof's Lucifer in a hollow of sand.

He is glad to talk about a production that had vanished so quickly. "When I came across the play I thought, here's an extraordinary piece of metaphysical drama. I didn't know why it had never been done and I hoped I could find out why Stanislavsky had chosen this, of all plays, to open the Moscow Arts Theatre after the October Revolution. I cut it a lot because I wanted to do it in 90 minutes, like a Greek tragedy."

I bite back a remark about how strikingly he resembles pictures of his father thirtysomething years ago: the sudden flashing smile, a similar appearance of easy affability. Not yet the moment to mention his Dad.

Young Hall was reading history at Leeds University when he realised he was spending so much time in its theatre that what he surely ought to be doing was trying to become an actor. Three years later in his diploma year at Mountview Theatre School he decided that what he really enjoyed doing was directing, so when Rod Williams, a friend from school, sent him his gripping play about three prisoners, *No Remission*, he directed it at the Edinburgh Festival. Here it was seen by Philip Hedley, who took him to work at Stratford East reading scripts, helping to cast and doing workshops with local sixth formers.

Next came the culture jump to Chichester, followed by two RSC jobs as assistant director, and last summer a Shakespeare of his own, a well-received modern-dress *Henry V* at the Watermill Theatre, Newbury.

Remembering a famous modern dress *Hamlet* that Hall senior directed, I observe, ponderously casual, that although many sons and daughters of actors follow their parents on to the stage I cannot think of a director's son or daughter becoming a director. Not a muscle moves on his face, but I detect something like an inward sigh. Having a famous father can make life easier: more often than not it has made life more difficult: people challenge his motives.

"Yes, he did have an influence on me when I was growing up because I went to see a lot of theatre, and there were always actors, writers and people from that world in the house. But my parents split up when I was 15 and from that point I lived with my mother. I saw my father a lot but it's only since my early twenties that we've spent more time with each other."

When *3 Gents* has opened he goes back to the Watermill to direct *The Comedy of Errors*, and then revives his *Henry V* to play them in repertoire. He and Jill Fraser, the Watermill's artistic director, are putting together a company able to travel light and tour anywhere. "The actors will make all the music, do all the sound effects, and there'll be so little scenery it can go as excess haggage. For instance, the door in *Comedy of Errors* — all we need is a door knocker. An actor with a half-mask and a large door knocker will be the door. We build the set with people."

I ask how he thought of that. He grins. "When I want an idea I have a bath, and it just comes. By the time I go into rehearsals I'm very clean."

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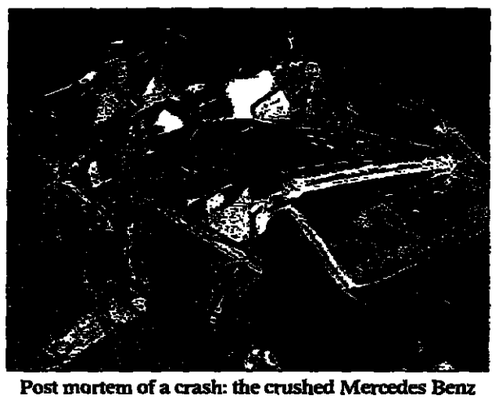
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Sarah Bradford on co-authors in search of a foul conspiracy

Sifting the evidence for shards of intrigue



Post mortem of a crash: the crushed Mercedes Benz

Within hours of the accident in the underpass beneath the Place de l'Alma in Paris that resulted in the death of Diana, Princess of Wales, the site of the golden torch in the *place* above had been converted into a shrine. As the pile of flowers, teddy bears and heartbroken messages *mounted, so did the conspiracy* theories. For those of us old enough to remember the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the situation was all too familiar: the search for scapegoats, wild speculation, *rumours of shadowy*, powerful figures in the background.

Sancton and MacLeod, Paris-based reporters for *Time* magazine, have put *together an account of the* facts and fantasies available at present. Thwarted by tight-lipped French doctors, policemen and investigating magistrates, they found a voluble and welcoming source in *Mohamed Al Fayed and his* family and swallowed their line — pregnancy rumours, an engagement *et al* — hook, line and sinker.

It would be charitable to say that Al Fayed finds it difficult to accept that the deaths of his son and the Princess could have been the tragic consequence of a game of hide-and-seek with the *paparazzi, Dodi's preference* for his father's security arrangements rather than official police protection, and his choice of Henri Paul, the *deputy head of security at the* Ritz, as driver, despite his apparently obvious euphoric condition due to drink and drugs. (According to one *source, Paul taunted the* assembled photographers: "You won't catch us tonight. Don't even try".)

If you live in a world in *which a 44-strong security* force controlled by a 24- hour centre is necessary, their very necessity predicates the existence of an army of enemies, *real and imagined. Enemy* number one in Al Fayed's mind has always been the mythical "British Establishment" which has blocked his *efforts to gain citizenship and* social acceptability and which, in his view, could not accept that the Princess was in love with Dodi. This is what he told the authors:

"Maybe the future king is going to have a half-brother who is a 'nigger'; Mohamed Al Fayed is going to be the stepgrandfather of the future king. This is how they think, *this Establishment.*"

Sancton and MacLeod, who have a tendency to refer to "smug British aristocrats", discount the wilder flights of *conspiracy fantasy but cannot* entirely dismiss from their minds a naive view of the British intelligence services *as a collection* of ruthless James Bonds. The accident, which arguably *might not* have happened if Henri Paul's path through the underpass *had not been obstructed by a* vehicle in the inside lane, could, they think, have been provoked by a rogue MI6 operative or a surveillance *operation that went disas*trously wrong.

What does emerge from their careful sifting of the evidence available to them is that there appears to have been at least one other car — the mysterious Fiat *Uno* — and one motorcycle in the tunnel at the time of the accident and that they swiftly departed the scene. They may *have carried paparazzi* (not the aptly named Rat and his colleagues who were later detained by the police at the scene) and may have forced *Paul to take evasive action* which his speed, the configuration of the Alma tunnel and the presence of an innocent car *narrowing his* escape options turned into the fatal crash.

In the end the *authors, unsurprisingly*, seem unable to make up their minds about anything *— about responsibility for the* accident, Diana's rumoured pregnancy, whether she spoke before she died. They hint at a sinister cover-up by *French officialdom.* "Our judicial source," they write, "spoke to us of the 'terrible secret that weighs on this dossier' ".

What this secret *might* have been, they do not venture to speculate. They claim from the testimony of the Fayed family and retainers and the existence of a ring from the jewellers that Diana and Dodi intended to marry.

They make the point that French accident and emergency procedure, which involves stabilising the patient on the spot — as opposed to the English and American method of getting the patient to hospital as quickly as possible — meant that it was a full hour and 40 minutes after the accident before the Princess reached hospital, at which point she suffered a cardiac arrest and died.

This is not, nor does it claim to be, the definitive account. The French investi*gation will not be concluded* until midsummer this year and the British coroner's inquiry is still to come. The authors have been painstaking in their collection of detail, even down to the list of the victim's effects at the time of the crash — Dodi's included no fewer than three watches, while the driver was carrying nearly £1,000 in cash. Their prose is occasionally atrocious — "French magistrates are not potted plants" — and sprinkled with *Hello!*-isms: the suite at the *Paris Ritz where the couple* spent their last evening is "decorated with Empire furniture upholstered in red satin, richly coloured Persian carpets, crystal chandeliers and brass candelabra."

From information given by Dodi's family and friends, they have chronicled the sad, short life of a poor little rich boy — a lonely man who was *"at his best when talking to* people on the cellphone that never seemed to leave his hand", and whose apartments were filled with stuffed *animals and self-help books.* For Diana, who was also lonely, in need of love and lived through the telephone, Dodi's vulnerability was irre*sistible. The best thing that* can be said about this ultimately tragic tale is that the couple were, briefly, happy.

Of one thing we can be *sure; we have not heard the* last of it. Diana's family is fated to be dragged painfully and publicly through it over and over again. As it has been *with John F. Kennedy in Dal*las, so it will be with Diana in the underpass at the Place de l'Alma. It is entirely possible that 40 years from now, a future Oliver *Stone* will be making *Death of a Princess* based on a "new interpretation" of the facts. It is an infinitely depressing prospect.

DEATH OF A PRINCESS
An Investigation
By Thomas Sancton and Scott MacLeod
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HULTON GETTY

Shaded truth: Capote attempted to arrange his life to suit an image of his existence as "a fabulous story"

Pills 'n' spills

Freaky kid, naughty elf or bona fide *enfant terrible?* **Peter Ackroyd** takes on a sunken genius

From his earliest years he had the voice of an *expiring dolphin*; when excited, he would squeak. He gloried in "butterscotch hair", and always looked half his real age — until the end, that is, when he looked no age at all. When *he was in high spirits he* would leap into the air, arms outstretched and scream "I'm beside myself!"

He knew instinctively how to divert and to amuse; he always considered himself a "freak", *to use his own word, and decided* to supplant nature with nurture. Even when he was an infant he was an *enfant terrible. Some said he resembled an elf or* pixie but, if so, he was always a pixie with *a whim of iron. Somehow he managed to* escape his natal origins in the South and, at the age of 18, to become a copy-boy in the offices of *The New Yorker* magazine. From that time forward he conducted his *life, in the words of one of the contributors* to this entertaining memoir, "like a carefully planned military campaign".

His first, vaguely homosexual, novel was more than a scandal; it was a success. *In fact it could be said that Other Voices, Other Rooms* represents the best fiction he ever wrote. He had a good ear for casual speech, only partly tempered by a somewhat ornate if not exactly purple *prose. As soon as he was acclaimed as a* genius, he travelled to Paris. Here he was introduced to various interesting parties solely on the grounds "that person was so-and-so in Proust." The delicate connection *between society and literature was one* Capote never forgot.

He may have been an only child but the more difficult familial problems came relatively late. Just after he had enjoyed his first success, his mother committed suicide and his father was committed to *Sing Sing for embezzlement. It is said that* these events "haunted" him for the rest of his life, but there is very little evidence of this. Capote was a singular human being — Norman Mailer believes that he knew he led "a special life" — *and he is not* likely to have reacted (if he reacted at all) in any orthodox way.

It is not hard to find that taste for the "special". He demanded to be the single most important human being in everyone's existence. Like many good novelists *he turned his own life into a fabulous* story, and fictionalised all those who accompanied him on the way. He always wished to be in command; he manipulated people and engineered "situations".

It was appropriate, then, that he was an extremely good and persistent liar, *creating such interesting and entertaining* fabrications that eventually he himself came to believe them. There were close friends, however, who noticed that he always put on dark glasses when he was about to lie; they were known as "the shades of truth."

That propensity may mark passages of his most famous book, *In Cold Blood*, which narrates the history of a particularly unpleasant multiple murder in western Kansas. It was, according to one of the *investigators of the case, essentially a* work of fiction dressed up as fact; instead of being a non-fictional novel, as Capote claimed, it was an exercise in fictional journalism. He was unhappy that it won no prizes, however, and *instead of writing* another book he gave a ball. From all accounts it was a rather gruesome affair, although most of the participants had the good sense to wear masks.

TRUMAN CAPOTE
By George Plimpton
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ISBN 0 330 36871 0

Someone once described him as a "caramelised tarantula", but the sweet*ness was more than skin deep. He was* very good with the innocent and the vulnerable, for example, perhaps because they represented the best part of himself. But he also demanded constant attention, and achieved fame with a potent mixture of guile, ambition and wilfulness. He *aspired to the fashionable world, even* though he knew that its inhabitants respected wealth more than character, celebrity more than talent; he spoke once of "the glare of life", by which he meant its artificial brightness.

It is hardly surprising, then, that he turned against the powerful friends whom he had once courted. When he published *Answered Prayers*, a thinly veiled account of the more unsocial activities of those in "society", he was dropped. The telephone no longer rang. He stayed in his bedroom, crying, with the curtains closed. He began to drink heavily.

There was another reason for his unhappiness. He believed that he could turn gossip into literature, but the book was not well received. It is, in fact, a flimsy thing, marked by febrile and facile writing; although it is short, it seems *prolix.* And, as one *contributor to this* volume suggests, "in America, there is no room for failure." A writer is only as successful as his last book. Capote knew this better than anyone, of course, and he fell *into despair.*

He did not drink because he had lost a few friends — there were plenty more where they came from. He drank because he knew that he could no longer write well. As soon as he lost touch with his genius — if that is what it was — he began systematically to destroy himself. The last years were truly dreadful; his brain shrank because of the daily ingestion of booze and pills. When he was urged to stop before it was too late, he replied: "Let me go. *Let me go.* I want to go."

It is the virtue of this book, composed primarily of oral reminiscences from various "friends, enemies, acquaintances and detractors", that Capote can be seen and *heard at first hand.* There are so many different voices, just like those at the parties which he gave remorselessly, that he comes alive from a hundred different vantages.

He should, however, be given the last word — he once wrote that the artist, like the criminal and the neurotic, "have unpredictability and perverted innocence in common." It is too long for an epitaph, but it may serve as an appropriate epigraph for this engaging and entertain*ing narrative.*

Peter Ackroyd's latest book, The Life of Thomas More, *will be published next month by Chatto & Windus.*

The sail of the century?

Claire Messud

GAFF TOPSAILS
By Patrick Kavanagh
Hamish Hamilton, £16.99
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NEITHER euphonious nor broadly evocative, *Gaff Topsails* is not — except, perhaps to the avid sailor — an *auspicious title for a novel.* Nor does the prospect of 431 pages about a single day in a remote Roman Catholic fishing community in Newfoundland entice wildly. To succumb to these prejudices would, however, be a shame: Patrick Kavanagh's debut is a rich and ambitious book, fully engaged with the strange lan*guage of its protagonists,* and with the complex intersections of their lives.

Set on midsummer's day in June, 1948, *Gaff Topsails* rip*ples with internal currents.* The isolated and disappointed priest, Father MacMurrough, reminisces about his youth in Ireland and his former posting in New Guinea; the frail *altar boy, Kevin Barron,* sees in each flower and fish a manifestation of good or evil, a working of God's plan; his mute older brother, Michael, on a fishing *expedition with* his boisterous mates, Gus and Wish, falls in love with a distant vision. Re*bellious young* Mary, along with her tarty pals Moira and Alice, wants to *find true love on* the last day of school; her mother, home with a baby, sits planted on the roof watching out for her *fisherman* husband. The mad lighthouse keeper, Johnny, teeters and babbles among townspeople and nuns alike.

Around these figures swirl others, including the less artic*ulate but no less resonant* elements of their territory: the vast and sighing iceberg which has drifted into the bay to melt; the shoals of fish and the means of their harvesting; the weather itself; and the my*thical* bogeyman, Masterless Man of local lore. Kavanagh devotes many pages to the tale of Tomas Croft, an Irish castaway and the forefather of these characters and of their highly superstitious commun*ity.*

The novel's enterprise is a risky one — not least for its broad and inescapeable nods to another Irish antecedent *and his Ulysses. There are* passages of overwriting; there are wilful preciosities, such as Michael's unexplained mute*ness;* there is a somewhat relentless *freighting of the* incidental with religious im*port* (when one of Michael's fellows breaks *wind*, we *are* told that "a raw odour passes briefly by Michael's nostrils, *a foul presence*, a soul on its way to hell").

But *Gaff Topsails* is a commendable book, quietly *moving.* Above all, it thrills to language, and brings the ordinary to new life — as when Mary's mother muses that, "I should buy them seeds and get out the mattock and make up that park and be done with *yawping about it. Put some* order in the world. The ground is thick and damp and mungy enough, the buds would spraug by the feast of Saint Bonaventure." By *ren*dering so faithfully the woman's *diction*, Kavanagh gives us not only the character, but her world and its texture, a fine achievement indeed.

Claire Messud's novel, When the World was Steady, *is published in paperback by Granta, £6.99.*

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Some funny business in the London of his dreams

Russell Celyn Jones

ARMADILLO
By William Boyd
Hamish Hamilton, £16.99
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WILLIAM BOYD has always managed to stay left of field in the literary mainstream. His comic style links to previous generations — Evelyn Waugh and Kingsley Amis, and he favours Africa or America over England as a milieu. Having said that, his seventh novel is set in modern London. And if African society can be said to teem with life, so *Armadillo* is teeming with characters — Dickensian grotesques all talking at cross purposes. And when you take care of your characters as well as this (after a curiously inert first chapter), the story takes care of itself.

Boyd's themes of identity and the desire for certainty are explored through his hero, Lorimer Black (real name: Milomre Blocj, from a family of Transnistrian Gypsies), who is an insurance loss *adjuster. Investigating the de*struction by fire of the Fedora Palace hotel, he only has to hint at arson to get the payment reduced from £27 million to £10 million. No wonder he's as welcome as a disease.

Lorimer is pitched as a sympathetic character, not through any seduction by voice, which would have been the smarter option, but in counterpointing him against *colleagues* Hogg, an unscrupulous philosopher of ruin ("our vocation — to disturb all anticipations"), and the manic carouser Torquil Helvoir-Jayne.

Moreover, Lorimer is constantly shelling out to save his family cab company in Fulham from going belly-up. He adopts his dying neighbour's dog, rescues a physically abused actress and supports his local flower stallholder. In his diary he notes his personal failings and records his dreams — which are monitored at the Institute of Lucid *Dreams, a sub-plot reminis*cent of Jonathan Coe's recent novel, *The House of Sleep.* As



Boyd: comic story teller

a hobby he collects antique Greek helmets, and boy, ar*mour is what this character* needs. Lorimer receives more death threats than the Krays. Even his girlfriend's daughter threatens to kill him if he doesn't get out of her mother's face. *And if all this fails to rally* you to his side, there may well be something fishy about that hotel fire after all.

London is not so much *invented as unscrolled.* Names fly by on the page as Lorimer drives through it. Boyd relishes the Victorian melancholy of Silvertown; and on the Old Kent Road Lorimer finds his beloved calfs still surviving, where dishes that *used to give England such a* bad culinary name remain on the menu.

In these establishments Boyd can make a comic im*pact in a single sentence.* His satirical instinct is best suited to the old world, the underbelly of colonialism, personified *in the import-export* businesses along the A2, the pubs around Smithfield Market.

Armadillo purports to be a literary comedy but sits somewhere between the two stools. Yet what Boyd lacks in psychological depth he makes up for with story-telling prowess. In this bighearted novel, all the breaches in emotional certainty converge into a pattern — a solved conspiracy involving South African businessmen and knighted English entrepreneurs. Thankfully, fiction is not like life. Only in fiction can we find the *security of order that we crave.*

Russell Celyn Jones's latest novel, The Eros Hunter, *will be published next month by Little, Brown.*



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Black beauty made fair game

WHO WAS the Dark Lady of Shakespeare's sonnets? Some 25 years ago, reading the casebooks of the Elizabethan astrologer Simon Forman, the historian A. L. Rowse came up with a new candidate: Emilia Bassano, a woman of Italian extraction, mistress of the Lord Chamberlain, in later life a pious versifier.

As dark ladies go, Emilia has promiscuity in her favour, plus Forman's report that she struck him as more *incuba* than woman. Rowse was smitten, clinching his case with the astrologer's further remark that this lady had been "very brown in youth". Unfortunately, another scholar soon pointed out that Rowse had *misread* Forman's handwriting. The word was not brown, but *brave* (meaning showy). Worse, there is no evidence that Emilia Bassano ever met William Shakespeare, let alone went to bed with him.

Such details do not bother Michael Baldwin. His novel *Dark Lady* is based on the assumption that Rowse was right, though he nowhere refers to him except to make one possible pun on his name ("a rouse") on page 184. The book is a romp with Emilia at the heart of it. She is presented as a witch whose spells are responsible for the murder of Christopher Marlowe and the burning of the Globe Theatre. She considers Shakespeare's verses inferior to her own,

Robert Nye

DARK LADY
By Michael Baldwin
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falling asleep when he recites *Venus and Adonis*, and despising his sonnets, "none of them lasting longer than a yawn".

Since this is a work of fiction, Baldwin can be forgiven for lopping 12 years off the Lord Chamberlain's age, presumably to make his sexual performances more credible. Less forgivable is the book's style.

THE narrative passages are clogged; the dialogue frantically witty. Everyone talks like Shakespeare on an off-day, except Shakespeare. He speaks bluntly: "Thing is, Emilia, we'll be giving one of my plays ... It will be the usual patchwork of stuff I've written, stuff that actors have scribbled, stuff I've borrowed, and half a thousand lines I'll have stolen." The wonder is that Emilia allows the clown bed-room. Sensibly, she does seem to prefer the company of her other lovers, even Southampton, who has a problem which makes him sick whenever she touches him.

Baldwin is a talented writer, and this book has its bright moments, despite the fog of words. Like his *The First Mrs Wordsworth* it achieves sharpness by seeing a male writer through the eyes of a woman in his life. But the reader has to make a huge suspension of disbelief to suppose that Emilia Bassano *was* in Shakespeare's life. And it is only fair to give warning that such suspension is not assisted by the opening scenes in which the Lord Chamberlain spends an unconscionably long time kicking his mistress in the belly in an attempt to rid her of an inconvenient pregnancy.

Robert Nye's latest novel, The Late Mr Shakespeare, will be published in April by Chatto & Windus.

It feels faster than you think

Roy Porter discovers that Darwin makes him grin — even if modern science cannot quite explain why

THE EMOTIONAL BRAIN
The Mysterious Underpinnings of Emotional Life
By Joseph LeDoux
Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £18.99
ISBN 0 297841084

THE EXPRESSION OF THE EMOTIONS IN MAN AND ANIMALS
By Charles Darwin
HarperCollins, £14.99
ISBN 0 00 255866 1

The *simultaneous* appearance of these two books *inevitably* prompts the question: how far has the *science of emotions* come over the past century and a quarter? What can Professor LeDoux now tell us that Charles Darwin didn't know?

First published in 1872, Darwin's work has always been the least celebrated of his trio of classics. But if less of a bombshell than the *Origin of Species*, it forms an essential coupling with the *Descent of Man* and remains in many ways his most engaging study.

Displaying all his redoubtable talents for uncovering hidden detail, Darwin starts from closely observed faces: often those of his own children and pets, or creatures at London Zoo. How exactly are fear, joy, anger, grief and other feelings expressed? Observant as ever, he points out how, in the case of suffering, for example, that it is the eyebrow muscles that count, wrinkling the eyes and producing a heavy frown; or that when very young babies cry, the mouth is held squarely open, whereas toddlers cry with the mouth more closed. Such findings made innovative use of more than 200 photographs.

Of course, a theoretical thrust lies behind these facts. By demonstrating that not all expressions are present from birth — babies scream from the first but they don't actually shed tears till later — Darwin aimed to show how emotions (weeping in this case) may be learnt. In the course of development, they then become habits, and such acquired characteristics, he argued in his oddly Lamarckian fashion, finally become inherited.

Moreover, he demonstrated how identical muscular actions — say, baring the teeth — are used to express similar emotions (snarling) among the different "races" of mankind. And he further showed that these are also mirrored in the expressions of dogs, monkeys and other animals. By such means Darwin hoped to confirm his evolutionary theory of the descent of man. Displays of emotions did not merely have a survival value; they pointed to a physiological continuum from animals to man. The enduring validity of many of these conclusions is stressed in the lucid commentary and afterword by the distinguished American psychologist Paul Ekman.

The magnitude of Darwin's achievement is obliquely highlighted by *The Emotional Brain*. As the neurobiologist Joseph LeDoux candidly acknowledges, during the first half of this century the behaviourist dogma — denying subjective states and focusing exclusively on *conditioning* — *ruled* the study of emotions clean out of court. Latterly, *interest in Darwin's questions* has further been dampened by *cognitive science's preoccupation* with thought processes. Emotion has thus been an embarrassment to experimenters, but LeDoux views himself as putting feeling back on to the agenda.

His study contains much of interest. No reader can fail to be fascinated by his clear accounts of how primary emotional responses can be mapped upon distinctive segments of the brain, especially the amygdala, a region rather independent of the frontal cortex (the "thinking" part of the brain). Here lies an anatomical explanation as to why reflex responses, like freezing in danger situations, are done without a conscious decision — and are all the better for being thus unconscious. LeDoux's point is to show we respond to danger *before* becoming aware of being afraid. In view of this, he maintains that basic instincts must be "hard wired", that is, inherited.

But overall the impression conveyed by this book, despite its upbeat tone, is how little progress science has made since Darwin's day in explaining our emotions. LeDoux gives us a tour of the experimental and theoretical work being conducted today. But most of it sounds like the old conventional experiments, testing how rats respond to shocks, warmed over once more. Important though it is to study fear — here might lie, after all, clues to human phobias and neuroses — LeDoux's focus upon responses to predators is (thankfully, one must say) only a fraction of the gamut of human emotional possibilities. On feelings such as joy or falling in love he is utterly silent. While we are at least spared the tendentious dogmas of psychological Darwinism — the sage of the selfish gene so pervasive in recent American works like Steven Pinker's *How the Mind Works* — it is indicative of the hole that today's science has dug for itself that LeDoux gets on to *consciousness*, only in a final and token chapter.

Rightly crediting Darwin, LeDoux would doubtless subscribe to the evolutionist Theodosius Dobzhansky's homage to that great pioneer: "Nothing in biology makes sense except in the light of evolution." Nevertheless, all these rat and rabbit experiments in reality shed remarkably little light on how human beings feel. Give me Darwin any time. His work, old though it may be, still elicits a far stronger emotional response: it brought smiles of delight to my face.





The fearful face: a means was devised to "activate" expression with electricity and then photograph the anguished faces. Note that Darwin had the engraver remove the electrodes (right)

The drearier the better. **Raymond Seitz** finds his heroes in the dullest backwaters



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Yarn-master in a spin

WOBEGON BOY
By Garrison Keillor
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Garrison Keillor is a storyteller and spinner of yarns who fits comfortably into the well established tradition of American humour most fondly identified with the works of Mark Twain. Like Twain, he is an accomplished practitioner of the art of the tall tale. Delivered in nonchalant fashion, the tall tale makes the improbable sound plausible and, in the hands of a pro, it can be very funny.

Keillor is a pro, reared by radio but now in print as well, arriving as he did in 1990 with his colourful collection of essays called *Lake Wobegon Days*. So prolific and imaginative is the writer that his publisher, Faber and Faber, have listed in the front of the book not only the previous works by the author but his forthcoming titles as well — eight on the way. When Keillor starts spinning, he just can't stop. And on the whole, we are the better for it.

As a vehicle for his storytelling Keillor has this time chosen a novel, and once again, the Midwestern town of Lake Wobegon provides the material from which he weaves his amazing Minnesota dreamcoat. Lake Wobegon, settled by stolid Norwegian stock in the 19th century, is a pretty dreary place, hardly lightened by the "phlegmatic moralism" of the Lutheran community — don't complain, don't feel sorry for yourself, work off your guilt by serving on committees. The town, says Keillor, is "the world headquarters of meekness" where dullness has been honed to the keenest edge. (There is also a small community of Roman Catholics which gathers annually for the Blessing of the Snowmobiles at Our Lady of Perpetual Responsibility.) The Sons of Knute hang out at the Chatterbox Café, and from such characters we hear Keillor's repertoire of yarns.

The simple plot of *Wobegon Boy* hangs loosely from its shoulders. John Tollefson, the passive, diffident narrator, lands a job at a small New England college for the none-too-bright progeny of America's East Coast families. He runs the campus radio station devoted mainly to classical music, but no sooner does he take up his position than he comes under politically correct pressure to switch the format to the socially sensitive issues which make up the lumpy agenda heard so often today on American airwaves ("audio oatmeal", Keillor calls it).

John falls in love with Alida Freeman, a New York intellectual who happens to be doing research on Bolle Balestrand (the shadowy Norwegian immigrant of the 19th century who drafted the Gettysburg Address for Lincoln and managed to survive Custer's Last Stand). John can't quite believe that a Manhattan sophisticate could really fall for a guilt-ridden hick from the Midwest boondocks, and he is certain he will lose her affections when they both head off to Lake Wobegon after John's father suddenly dies.

As Alida learns about Lake Wobogon, we hear one story after another. They are bone-dry and funny (imagine Siamese twins playing semi-professional baseball — one was left-handed and the other right-handed) and told in the inimitable Keillor style. But the yarns are really monologues masquerading as dialogue, and the proliferation of *these comic routines* weaken the momentum of the novel.

As in most of Keillor's work, prosaic Lake Wobegon is the real hero because its very dullness is heroic. According to one character, "Either this town moves forward or else it moves backward": to which his friend replies: "I wouldn't offer these people a choice like that."

Raymond Seitz's memoir, Over Here, is published by Weidenfeld & Nicolson, priced £20.

More than just another coming of age story

LOVESICK
By Angeles Mastretta
Jonathan Cape, £9.99
ISBN 0 224 05032 X

Rachel Campbell-Johnston

BLEND the gritty magic of Gabriel García Márquez with the fey historicism of Isabel Allende, and you might end up with a novel like *Lovesick* — a gutsy romance played out against a backdrop of Latin American revolution. In this, her second book, the Mexican author Ángeles Mastretta (translated here by Margaret Sayers Peden) tackles the love story — a genre in which her continent abounds — with mettle and quirky imagination. Her talent lies in stirring together classical tradition with modern insight, historical saga with fictional romance, and seasoning the brew with political fervour and passionate emotion.

This love story turns around the character of Emilia Sauri, a girl with china doll looks and a tearaway mind full of heroic ambition. On her 13th birthday her father reads her the story of Don Pedro de Osma y Xara y Zejo, a 16th-century Spanish soldier who abandoned the battles of the Conquest to devote himself to locating and learning the virtues and medicinal benefits of plants. She vows never to forget it. And history, which in Latin American novels has a certain thudding way of repeating itself, later calls upon her to make the same sort of decision. She must choose between following her passion for her childhood playmate Daniel Cuenca, who runs off to join the Mexican revolution, and her desire to become a doctor.

Where Mastretta's work differs, refreshingly, from the rash of other Latin American novels which of late have been finding their way into English translation is in her eschewing of the giddier flights of Magical Realism. The fantastical is too often relied upon by less confident writers to cloak slender characterisation or tenuous plot. But in *Lovesick* the enchantment lies not so much in the incredible as in the idiosyncracy of its author's observation. As the long sentences unroll (smoothly translated from the Spanish by Margaret Sayers Peden) details, which in themselves may be quite normal, in juxtaposition seem suddenly bizarre.

This is a novel about the coming of age of Mexico. A society nursed on myth and dragged through a violent adolescence of warfare, matures into the 20th century and all the new conflicts that that presents. *Lovesick* mingles politics with passion, sets ancient gods against modern revolutionary ideas, it chucks handfuls of violence into daily life and lets trial and torture tangle with a tale of love. But at times it seems to trip itself up in its own intricacies and the reader, losing the drive of the narrative, grows weary.

Search for the bare bones

HESHEL'S KINGDOM
By Dan Jacobson
Hamish Hamilton, £15.99
ISBN 0 241 13927 9

Anne Karpf

IN THE future everyone — Andy Warhol surely would have said — will have written a memoir. Dan Jacobson has joined the eddy with a family Holocaust memoir (a genre to which I too have contributed, so I'm in glasshouse territory). This is a curious book, its tone too often misreckoned but which, by the end, has you simply on its side and not wanting to let it go. Aptly, in view of its subject-matter — Jacobson's maternal grandfather, Heshel Melamed, rabbi of Varniai, a tiny Lithuanian town who, in 1912, visited America, prospecting for a rabbinical position which could take him and his family far from Lithuania. But finding there such impiety and apostasy — such modernity — he cleaved back instead to Lithuania and re-embraced "*der heim*": the evocative Yiddish term for a homeland.

Luckily for his family he died in 1919 aged 53, forcing his now even more impoverished widow and her nine children to emigrate to South Africa and thereby save their lives. The rest of the family perished in the Holocaust. Jacobson, after a secular childhood in the diamond mining town of Kimberley, and a distinguished career as a novelist and professor in London, returned to Lithuania after the collapse of the Soviet Union, in search of records of his grandfather and other relatives.

He begins the book with an inventory of Heshel's few remaining belongings, principally the photo taken before the American trip. So extensive is the author's scrutiny of this that it seems as if the material is too slight to support the weight of his speculation. Similarly once he starts, in Lithuania, to describe with his over-exercised novelist's eye the towns and topographies, one begins to fear that each of the country's rivers, bridges and paths will eventually be documented.

Such copiousness, an understandable if futile attempt at preservation, forces the reader have to endlessly re-envisage the countryscape, and makes the text lag. The book is also riddled with what Jacobson calls "the divine power of hindsight". When he finally reaches the killing fields of Lithuania where his relatives probably died, he can't escape a note of sententiousness ("bones of my bone, DNA of my DNA"), even as he rightly draws attention to the inadequacy of language in the face of the Holocaust.

On the other hand, Jacobson's tableaux of his irreligious family in South Africa brim with wit, while hisdescriptions of Lithuanian hotels and individuals give way to a charged tenderness as he sketches in "the last Jew in Varniai" who is so excited to meet him.

Most usefully, he retrieves information about the murder of Lithuanian Jews, most of whom were not killed in the newfangled gas chambers of Poland but in smaller, pre-industrial batches at the hands of the "*Einsatzgruppen*". But Jacobson's central theme is the irrecoverability of the past, and here he makes a real contribution. In Lithuania he may have found only family traces but he achieves the connection he has craved with his mother's world and makes his peace with it, no longer blaming his grandfather for having abjured modernity. In a touching coda, he dreams himself back to an old Lithuania where he is reintegrated into his family of origin who, though they won't migrate, will survive for ever, because there will be no Hitler.



Jacobson: curious memoir

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Delay caused by solicitors unacceptable

Lownes v Babcock Power Ltd

Before Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls and Lord Justice Potter

[Judgment February 11]

Inordinate and inexcusable delay in civil litigation caused by default on the part of solicitors was totally unacceptable. Prejudice to the client resulting from the striking out of his action had to be balanced against the prejudice to the other party, other litigants and the administration of justice in general.

"Unless" orders were to be treated as one step away from the dismissal of the action in order to ensure that court orders were obeyed.

Where a solicitor's default prejudiced his client, the solicitor was under a duty to ensure that the client was advised by fresh solicitors at the earliest opportunity.

As a matter of practice there was a great advantage to preparing skeleton arguments sequentially. Although the Rules of the Supreme Court did not so provide, counsel could agree to exchange skeleton arguments sequentially and thereby assist the court so long as skeleton arguments were provided to the court at least 14 days before the hearing.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the plaintiff, Robert Lownes, against the dismissal of his appeal and his action for damages for personal injuries against his employers, Babcock Power Ltd, on March 14, 1997 by Judge Bentley, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge in the Sheffield District Registry. The appeal was against the refusal on November 1, 1996 by District Judge Hawkesworth to grant an extension of time to comply with an "unless" order contained in a consent order.

The plaintiff, who was employed by the defendants, suffered an accident at work on November 13, 1989 and was left paraplegic. His trade union instructed Thompsons, an experienced firm of solicitors in the field, who issued a writ in April 1990 and at first conducted the case expeditiously. In 1993 *liability* was agreed with the defendants being 80 per cent responsible and the plaintiff 20 per cent. In December 1993 Mr Peter Bamford, a partner, took over conduct of the case. He has since left the firm.

Wholly unjustified and inexcusable delay occurred on the part of the plaintiff's solicitors, who in particular failed to produce a comprehensive schedule of damages. The parties came close to settlement in 1995, but the terms were rejected by the plaintiffs' solicitors.

In 1996 the defendants' solicitors, who had paid about £500,000 into court, applied to strike out the action. The plaintiffs' solicitors then agreed a consent order, made on October 1, 1996 in the form of an "unless" order, which included an order for service of a comprehensive schedule of damages to be produced within 28 days.

Failing to comply, the plaintiffs' solicitors applied for an extension of 14 days to serve the schedule of damages, which was refused. The plaintiff's appeal to Judge Bentley, QC, was dismissed and judgment given for the defendant. The plaintiff appealed.

Mr Benet Hytner, QC for the plaintiff; Mr Anthony Goldstaub, QC, for the defendants.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case dramatically demonstrated that the manner in which personal injuries litigation was sometimes conducted was not in the interests of the parties, the courts or justice. It also showed that it could be extremely damaging to the reputation of lawyers.

The plaintiff's criticisms of the judge's decision were not made out. The defendants were entitled to a schedule of damages to evaluate the claim properly and to calculate correctly the amount to pay into court. They were prejudiced by the plaintiff's failure to serve a schedule.

The plaintiff's main argument was that the judge failed to stand back and look at the position as a whole. That argument could always be advanced in relation to the final default of a solicitor who had conducted himself in such a way.

The person who suffered because the action was dismissed was not the plaintiff's solicitor but the plaintiff personally therefore it could be said that the judge was visiting the sins of the solicitor on the client and should not let the desire to discipline the solicitor injure the plaintiff personally.

His Lordship was very conscious of the force of that point but it was wrong to give way to it. The plaintiff, even in a personal injuries case, had to be responsible for the conduct of his solicitor. Consideration had to be given to the position of parties to other litigation.

If an "unless" order were not treated as the last opportunity to put one's house in order, the court had no way to ensure that its orders were obeyed and such delays would continue to occur.

Even in the case of a consent order, the situation was self evident. The only way that particular solicitor could be made to perform his duty was by such an order.

The status of "unless" orders had been fully considered in a number of authorities. Those had been reviewed by the Court of Appeal in *Hytec Information Systems Ltd v Coventry City Council* ([1997] 1 WLR 1066).

The approach of the courts was not new, but went back to 1980, including *Samuels v Linzi Dresses Ltd.* ([1981] QB 115), *Re Jokai Tea Holdings* ([1992] 1 WLR 1196) and *Caribbean General Insurance Ltd v Frizzell Insurance Brokers Ltd* ([1994] 2 Lloyd's Rep 32).

In *Firman v Ellis* ([1978] QB 886, 906) Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, had said:

"As a matter of simple justice, it is the defendant's insurers who should pay the plaintiff's claim. They have received the premiums to cover the risk of these accidents. They should not be allowed to foist their liability on to the plaintiff's solicitors or their insurers, by calling 'snap' as if it were a game of cards."

Those remarks should in no way be considered as affecting the other decisions to which his Lordship had referred, but referred to a case where one party was seeking to take advantage of a technical breach by the other.

The appeal had to be dismissed, but everything should be done to reduce the consequences to the plaintiff as far as possible. The solicitors were officers of the court under a duty to do all in their power to ensure that the plaintiff suffered no more than was necessary as a result of their default.

The minimum required was that the plaintiff should be independently advised at the earliest opportunity. The present solicitors were under a duty to ensure that the plaintiff was represented as soon as possible by fresh solicitors. Those now in Thompsons were ashamed of the wholly inappropriate way the case had been handled.

It might be in the plaintiff's interests to issue a writ against his former solicitors or make an arrangement with their insurers. The two insurers could agree to meet the plaintiff's claim in the meantime. If they could not agree on quantum they could agree an interim payment.

Where only one of two possible defendants was liable, the Rules of the Supreme Court did not give the court power to make an interim payment order against either defendant: see *Ricci Burns Ltd v Toole* ([1989] 1 WLR 993) on Order 29, rule 11.

That fact did not prevent the parties from making such interim payments. When it was in the interest of the parties they should be prepared to do that.

His Lordship wished to make further remarks of general application.

The facts vividly illustrated that delays could have a serious effect on individual plaintiffs. Over 90 per cent of personal injuries claims were settled. This plaintiff could have been compensated far earlier.

It was in the interests of solicitors to handle cases in a business-like way. Delay had an effect in extra work on the plaintiff's solicitors, the defendants' solicitors and client. Additional costs were incurred.

If the costs of litigation went beyond what the defendants' insurers had expected, it was bound to affect the level of premium for the insured.

Delays also had an effect on the administration of justices by taking up court time and putting other cases farther back in the queue. That damaged the reputation of civil justice.

The message to the profession, which should be read and understood, was that the standard of diligence in this case was totally unacceptable. In balancing the prejudice to the plaintiff against the prejudice to the defendants, account had to be taken of prejudice to other litigants and the administration of justice generally.

As a matter of practice on skeleton arguments, the latest practice direction (*Court of Appeal: Procedural Changes*, paragraph 5(9)(17) in volume 1 of *The Supreme Court Practice 1997*) provided that unless the court gave specific directions, skeleton arguments were to be exchanged simultaneously. There was no scope for sequential skeleton arguments to be adopted.

In view of the language that was an understandable view, but it involved a misconception. Counsel could agree between themselves to prepare skeleton arguments sequentially.

That was a great advantage in many cases, in considering only arguments actually raised and focusing on the real issues thereby assisting the court. The skeleton arguments still had to be available to the court at least 14 days before the hearing.

Lord Justice Potter agreed.

Solicitors: Thompsons, Sheffield; Whitfield Hallam Goodall, Dewsbury.

Judge lost advantage of immediacy

Goose v Wilson Sandford and Co

Before Lord Justice Peter Gibson, Lord Justice Brooke and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment February 13]

In normal circumstances, the trial judge who had seen and heard the witnesses had an advantage which was likely to prove decisive when his findings were disputed on appeal.

However, when judgment was delivered 20 months after the hearing, the Court of Appeal had to look with particular care at the findings of fact which were challenged and was entitled to conclude that by the long delay the judge had denied himself the opportunity of considering in any meaningful way the impression the witnesses had made on him when giving evidence about matters which troubled him.

Therefore, despite the additional expense and stress that would be inflicted upon the parties, justice required that a retrial be ordered.

The Court of Appeal so ruled when unanimously allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Rex Goose, from an order of Mr Justice Harman on April 1, 1996, dismissing a consolidated action brought by Mr Goose against the defendants, Wilson Sandford and Co, a firm of chartered accountants practising in Brighton, for damages for breach of contract, negligence and deceit, for equitable compensation for breach of fiduciary duty and for dishonestly assisting a fiduciary, Peter Bray, in a dishonest breach of fiduciary duty.

Mr Alan Boyle, QC and Mr Philip Marshall for the plaintiff; Mr Ronald Walker, QC and Miss Catherine Brown for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE PETER GIBSON, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said that Mr Goose was a farmer who on his father's death inherited Hagbeach Farm, of some 480 acres at Whaplode Drove, Spalding, Lincolnshire, where his family had farmed for over 100 years.

He was interested in acquiring a farm in France as farmland was cheaper there than in England. In March 1984 he was given the name of Peter Bray as being someone who was also interested in acquiring a French farm.

Unknown to Mr Goose, Mr Bray was a fraudster who had twice been convicted and sentenced to terms of imprisonment and had already been made bankrupt.

Mr Goose was impressed by Mr Bray and was willing to enter into a syndicate scheme suggested by Mr Bray for each of them to buy farms in France with money raised in Switzerland on the security of their own assets, including Hagbeach Farm.

The borrower in Switzerland was to be an English company, Intag Estates Ltd, which was incorporated for Mr Bray. Mr Bray was to be chairman, Mr Goose a director and both were shareholders. At Mr Bray's suggestion Mr Goose agreed that Wilson Sandford be instructed as Intag's accountants.

In autumn 1985 Mr Bray's scheme collapsed and Mr Goose learned that Intag had defaulted on interest payments. In March 1986 he learned for the first time that Mr Bray was an undischarged bankrupt.

In June 1986 a winding up petition was made against Intag. In 1987 Mr Goose was made bankrupt.

In 1989 Mr Bray was sentenced to four years imprisonment when he pleaded guilty to charges of dishonesty in connection with the transactions. In October 1990 Mr Goose was discharged from bankruptcy.

The trial before Mr Justice Harman started on June 9, 1994 and ended on July 13. Opening submissions lasted two days, the evidence took 17 days and closing submissions lasted eight days.

The parties and the judge were furnished with daily transcripts of the evidence and a huge amount of written material was placed before the judge. At the end of the hearing the judge reserved judgment.

In January 1995 Mr Goose's solicitors wrote to the judge asking if he could give any indication as to when judgment might be expected. The judge's clerk replied that the judge was in the middle of drafting his judgment.

In June 1995 leading counsel wrote to the judge's clerk again. The parties then heard that the judge was about to be admitted to hospital and they discussed the possibility of insuring the risk that he would be unable to deliver judgment.

In January 1996 Mr Goose's solicitors were constrained to write on behalf of both parties to the Vice-Chancellor, who told them he had spoken to the judge and had been given an assurance that judgment would be not later than mid-February.

On March 20 the solicitors wrote to the Vice-Chancellor again. Judgment was handed down on April 1, 1996. The judge wrote a personal letter to both counsel asking them to give their lay clients his apologies for the extreme delay.

There had been two other occasions in recent years when the Court of Appeal had censured judges for delay in delivering reserved judgments: *Rolled Steel Ltd v British Steel Corporation* ([1986] Ch 246), an eight-month delay after a 19-day trial, and *Bishopsgate Investment Management Ltd v Maxwell* ([1993] BCC 120), a five-month delay after a five-day hearing.

The delays in those cases were substantially shorter than the delay in the present case, even when due allowance was made for the judge's serious illness during 1995. A delay of that magnitude was inexcusable.

Mr Goose, who was not a young man, was claiming that Mr Wilson's conduct had been causative of his financial ruin. Mr Wilson for his part was a professional man charged with serious professional misconduct amounting to fraud.

Both were entitled to expect judgment before Christmas 1994 at the very latest and the fact that they were obliged to wait a year and a quarter was wholly unacceptable.

Mr Goose's first ground of appeal was that it should be inferred that the judge had forgotten large parts of the essential facts and evidence and that he had no clear recollection or impression of the demeanour of witnesses of fact or their credibility by the time he came to give judgment.

The court was also told that the judge mislaid a detailed chronology on which he had made manuscript notes of counsel's opening submissions and also the written closing submissions prepared by plaintiff's counsel. Replacement documents were requested and supplied in November 1995 but the judge's own notes could not be replaced.

Both parties had incurred heavy costs in the original trial and Mr Goose was legally aided. There were no provisions enabling a court to make an order out of central funds to compensate parties in such a situation.

Those considerations illustrated some of the very serious problems that were likely to arise if a judge delayed giving judgment in that extraordinary way.

The judge's tardiness in completing his judicial task denied justice to the winning party during the period of delay. It also undermined the loser's confidence in the correctness of the decision when it was eventually delivered.

Compelling parties to await judgment for an indefinitely extended period prolonged, and probably increased, the stress and anxiety inevitably caused by litigation, and weakened public confidence in the whole judicial process.

Left unchecked it would be ultimately subversive of the rule of law. A situation like this must never occur again.

Because of the delay it was incumbent on their Lordships to look with especial care at any finding of fact which was now challenged. In ordinary circumstances where there was a conflict of evidence a judge who had seen and heard the witnesses had an advantage denied to an appellate court, which was likely to prove decisive on appeal unless it could be shown that he failed to use or misused his advantage.

The very fact of the huge delay in itself weakened the judge's advantage and that consideration had to be taken into account when their Lordships reviewed the material which was before the judge.

In a case as complex as this it was not uncommon for a judge to form an initial impression of the likely result at the end of he evidence, but when he came to study the evidence, both oral and written, and the submissions with greater care, he would then go back to consider the effect the witnesses made on him when they gave evidence about matters which were now troubling him.

At a distance of 20 months Mr Justice Harman denied himself the opportunity of making that further check in any meaningful way.

Mr Goose sought an order that either Mr Wilson paid him damages in the amounts claimed or in such amount that might be assessed on an inquiry, or equitable compensation, or alternatively that the action be retried.

In their Lordships' judgment the appeal must be allowed. They were driven to take that exceptional course on the ground that a substantial miscarriage of justice would be occasioned to Mr Goose by allowing the judge's decision to stand and it was not possible to rectify that miscarriage of justice without a retrial.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard & Co, Hextall Erskine.

Action struck out after security provided

Orsank SA v Spencer Associates (a Firm)

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Swinton Thomas and Lord Justice Mummery

[Judgment February 2]

An application by defendants for security for costs did not preclude them from then applying to strike out the proceedings.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal brought by the plaintiff, Orsank SA, against the dismissal of Mr Simon Goldblatt, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge on June 4, 1997 when he refused the plaintiff's appeal against the decision of Master Eyre on April 28, 1997 refusing to extend time for service of the writ in proceedings against the defendants, Spencer Associates and struck out the proceedings.

Mr Bruce Mauleverer, QC and Mr Andrew Neish (neither of whom appeared below) for the plaintiff; Mr Andrew Bartlett, QC and Mr Jonathan Waite for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE MUMMERY said that the plaintiff was a Panamanian company represented in the United Kingdom but had no available assets within the jurisdiction. In 1987 the plaintiff engaged the defendants, who were quantity surveyors, to supervise building operations. The plaintiff issued a writ in an action for negligence and breach of duty claiming more than £1.5 million in damages plus interest on July 30, 1993. The time for service of the statement of claim expired in December 1993. No statement of claim was served.

Even before time for the service of the statement of claim had expired the defendants' solicitors wrote to Swepstone Walsh, solicitors, who were then acting for the plaintiff indicating that the defendants would make an application for security for costs and requested them a date for service of the statement of claim.

In January 1996 the plaintiff gave notice of intention to proceed. On February 2 the defendants applied for security for costs for £100,000. The security was provided in the form of a litigation insurance policy for which the plaintiff paid £71,500.

The policy covered both sides' costs up to £100,000 each but contained an endorsement that the insurers were not liable if the plaintiff's action was struck out. On November 8, the plaintiff sent the defendants' solicitors a draft assignment and draft side letter stating that the insurers would be liable to pay the defendants' costs if the action was struck out.

On April 28 Master Eyre declined to extend time for service of the statement of claim and struck out the action. On June 4, the judge dismissed the plaintiff's appeal.

The plaintiff complained that while the defendants achieved complete security for their costs, the plaintiff was left in the position of having paid and lost the premium of £71,750 and also facing a claim from underwriters for repayment of sums paid out by them to the defendants since the insurers had no liability to the plaintiff where the action had been struck out.

In his Lordship's judgment, the plaintiff knew the likelihood of being at the receiving end of an application for security for costs especially since the plaintiff had a history of leaving debts unpaid.

The plaintiff's solicitors did not ask the defendants for an assurance or undertaking that they would not be seeking to strike out the proceedings. The plaintiff did not take out the summons to extend the time for service of the statement of claim until after the defendants had applied to strike out the action.

The application by the defendants for security was a prudent step and did not carry with it the expectation or implication that the case would proceed to trial or as to the defendants' future conduct of the trial.

Lord Justice Swinton Thomas delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss agreed.

Solicitors: Hamlins Slowe (not instructed below); Kennedys.

Solicitor's aide must be employed

Regina v Legal Aid Board, Ex parte Rafina

Before Mr Justice Latham

[Judgment February 12]

Where a claim was made on the legal aid fund for work undertaken under rule 20 of the Legal Aid and Assistance Regulations (SI 1989 No 340) by a competent and responsible representative employed by a solicitor, that person must have been employed on a contract of service rather than as an independent supplier of services.

When deciding whether to allow an appeal against a decision to refuse the grant of legal aid, a legal aid board area committee was obliged to give its reasons to the extent of shortly setting out its conclusions as to the facts and legal issues.

Mr Justice Latham so held in the Queen's Bench Division in refusing the application of Rafina, solicitors, Sudbury, for judicial review, inter alia, by way of certiorari to quash the decision of the board's costs assessment committee of November 25, 1996 to dismiss the applicant's appeal from a board area committee's decision to uphold the board's decision to make no reimbursement of the applicant's liabilities incurred for advice given under the green form scheme.

The applicant had retained a self-employed immigration consultant within its office in consideration of commission payed on his business. Advice was given by the consultant included legal aid advice under the green form scheme.

Regulation 20 of the 1989 Regulations provides: "... nothing in these regulations shall prevent a solicitor from entrusting any function under these regulations to a partner of his or to a competent and responsible representative of his who is employed in his office or is otherwise under his immediate supervision."

Mr Rabinder Singh for Rafina; Mr Charles Utley for the Legal Aid Board.

MR JUSTICE LATHAM said that it seemed to him that it followed inexorably that the employment envisaged by the regulation had to be one which carried with it the necessary quality of supervision.

Mr Rabinder Singh argued that the regulation in effect deemed employment in the solicitor's office to carry with it the necessary quality of supervision, in other words, the fact that the person employed was in the office was considered by the regulation to be sufficient evidence that there was the necessary quality of supervision.

His Lordship could not accept that argument. The regulation only made sense if the employment contemplated was by a contract of service which carried with it the necessary quality of supervision. The costs appeal committee was correct in its interpretation of regulation 20.

His Lordship had little difficulty in concluding that there was an obligation upon an area committee to state, albeit shortly, its conclusions on any issue of law, and its conclusions as to fact which were relevant to its decision, particularly such conclusions as were relevant to any decision it reached as to the law.

Solicitors: Irwin Mitchell, Sheffield: Mr Roger Hamilton, Bloomsbury.

Extending custody time limits

Regina v Leeds Crown Court, Ex parte Briggs

Before Lord Justice Kennedy and Mr Justice Maurice Kay

[Judgment February 2]

When hearing a request to extend custody time limits a circuit judge who granted an extension of time had to give reasons indicating why he had reached the decision to find good and sufficient cause to grant the extension and whether the prosecution had acted with all due expedition or otherwise in accordance with section 22(3) of the Prosecution of Offenders Act 1985.

When considering whether there was just and sufficient cause, the justices had to look at all the facts of the case which included the complexity of the matter.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when granting the application of Ronald Briggs for judicial review of the decision of Judge Dobkin at Leeds Crown Court on January 14, 1998 to extend his custody time limit.

On November 4, 1997 the applicant was arrested and charged with being knowingly concerned in the importation of cannabis. He was granted bail on November 5 by Leeds Justices but remanded in custody as the prosecution gave notice of appeal against that decision.

The custody time limit began at midnight on November 5. On November 7 the applicant was remanded in custody by a circuit judge on the prosecution appeal against the grant of bail.

On January 7 the prosecution sent a letter to the applicant's solicitors indicating an intention to apply for an adjournment of 28 days.

On January 13, Leeds Justices refused the extension. The applicant remained in custody pending a prosecution appeal against the decision. On January 14 Judge Dobkin extended the custody time limit.

Mr Kris Gledhill for the applicant; Mr Christopher Batty for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE KENNEDY having referred to the statutory provisions relating to custody time limits set out at section 22(1) and (3) of the Prosecution of Offenders Act 1985, said that in deciding whether to extend time a judge had to consider (a) whether there was good and sufficient cause and (b) whether the prosecution had acted with all due expedition.

Mr Gledhill, relying on *R v Governor of Winchester Prison, Ex parte Roddie* ([1991] 1 WLR 305) and *R v Norwich Crown Court, Ex parte Parker* ([1992] 96 Cr App R 68) submitted that when considering whether the prosecution had acted with due expedition, the custody time limits had to be viewed objectively.

He submitted that as seriousness was not of itself good cause in law to allow an extension then nor was the complexity of the case. He submitted that Judge Dobkin should have given reasons why he granted leave to extend the time limit and specify what was just and sufficient cause.

His Lordship stated that while seriousness was not of itself enough to grant an extension of time, the justices had to look at the facts before them. His Lordship did not accept the submission that the judge thereafter was wrong to approach the case on the basis that complexity was enough in itself to justify time extension.

In his Lordship's judgment, said that it behoved the judge dealing with an application to give reasons indicating why he reached a decision to find cause to extend the time limit and whether the prosecution had acted expeditiously or otherwise.

Mr Justice Maurice Kay agreed.

Solicitors: Miles & Partners, Aldgate for Nicholas Green, Halifax: Solicitor, Customs and Excise.

Replacement counsel to follow Bar Council guidance

Regina v Nasser

When fresh counsel was instructed and sought to argue on appeal a ground that raised the question of the competence of counsel at trial, it was essential that the newly instructed counsel was aware of the guidance issued by the Bar Council: see *Archbold's Criminal Pleading, Evidence and Practice* (1998 edition, p2535).

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Otton, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Dyson) so stated on February 2, when adjourning an application to add a new ground to be argued on the appeal of Prince Minaz Nasser against his conviction on April 24, 1997 at Birmingham Crown Court (Judge A. B. Taylor and a jury) of offences under section 7(4) of the Fire Precautions Act 1971.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that further inquiries should be made before the new ground in the case was proceeded with.

The guidance issued by the Bar Council was specifically clear.

When fresh counsel were instructed they should be aware of the procedure and follow it.

If any difficulty arose on time considerations, that should be brought to the attention of the Registrar of Criminal Appeals at the earliest possible moment to ensure that the case was not listed and unnecessary costs incurred.

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A meeting of the creditors of Cambridge Health Care Limited (In Administrative Receivership) is to be held at Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 2nd March 1998 at 10.00am under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the administrative receivers and, if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a committee of creditors. Creditors who have not received notice of the meeting and wish to attend should contact the administrative receivers' office (telephone number 0171 939 3000) and ask for Angela Peardy. (Any creditors requiring a copy of the report (which is available free of charge) should write to Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL).
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M D Gorrie
Joint Administrative Receiver
16 February 1998

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PROSPECT FLOORING LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that meetings of creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor) London W2 6LF, on 4th March 1998 at 4.00 pm and 4.30 pm respectively for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq. It is not intended to propose any resolution at the meetings concerning Liquidators remuneration, however the meetings may receive information about or be called upon to consider the costs of preparing the statement of affairs and convening the meeting.
A list of names and addresses of the above companies' creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 855, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meetings of Creditors.
Dated this 16th February 1998
P.A. Cordle, Director.

No 00616 of 1998
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CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF AWATER INDUSTRIES (CLAY CROSS) LIMITED
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 2nd day of February 1998 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £96,000,000 to £11,241,000.
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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this seventeenth day of February 1998.
Herbert Smith
Exchange House
Primrose Street
London EC2A 2HS
Reference: 74/30670016
Solicitors for the above named Company.

The Insolvency Act 1986
PREMIER TROPHIES PROMOTIONS AND INCENTIVES LIMITED
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, J.L. Schapira, ACA, of Leonard Curtis & Co, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 12th February 1998.
J.L. Schapira, Liquidator

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Dated 13 February 1998
K F Berry, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

No 004215 of 1997
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IN THE MATTER OF WEST HAM UNITED PLC
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DATED this 19th day of February 1998.
Herbert Smith
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Solicitors for the above named Company.
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HERSHON, MICHAEL, 42 St Anstells Drive, Prestwich, Manchester, died 12th January 1998; Particulars to Livingstone & Company, National House, 64 Bridge Street, Manchester M3 3BH before 24th April 1998.

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Teenagers divert nation's attention from failure of its Dream Team

Ice maidens melt American hearts

FROM ROB HUGHES IN NAGANO

WHEN Americans are on the ice, they must thank heaven for little girls. Yesterday, Team USA was eliminated from the Olympic ice hockey tournament by a rampant Czech Republic. Hours later, two elfin American girls, one of them 15 years old and weighing 55lb, led the world after the short programme in the women's figure skating.

Rarely can brute force have been so significantly supplanted by featherlight princesses. Seldom has a superpower's self-esteem swung from grown men to pubescent girls. Never could the omnipresent power of CBS television, which is paying $375 million to dominate the Winter Olympic Games, have owed so much to people so little.

Newsweek, one of America's two pre-eminent magazines, did not give its cover last week to Clinton, Saddam or the impending war. It portrayed Michelle Kwan, the Chinese-American figure skater, who tomorrow will doubtless win the gold medal.

So it's goodbye ice hockey and goodbye the unprecedented gamble taken by the National Hockey League (NHL) in suspending its multi-million-dollar enterprise to try to recast its appeal through the Nagano Games. It is hello Michelle and hello Tara Lipinski, in the silver medal position instead of attending school in Texas.

In some ways, Lipinksi, who glides and spins over the ice and who attracts hordes of American media wherever she goes, whatever she says or does, represents the nonsense of it all more than her senior, ever-so-mature Californian compatriot, Kwan. For Lipinski is what she says she is, a child having fun; she is playing the Olympics for *fun*. She exudes that quality on the ice, in the Olympic village for grown-ups, in the sewing circle she joins to fill in the time.

It is extraordinary to look at her face under the "pressures" of performing. It is a face not unlike Jane Torvill's. Maybe the mouth is wider, and certainly the smile is more generous. When Lipinski, who hails from Sugarland, Texas, is asked about pressure, she goes ape. "Pressures of the media?" she retorts. "That's what the Olympics are about. I perform better when I'm relaxed."

I found myself bewitched by Lipinski's "Journey into the Past" dance last night. The triple loop-triple loop combination that she apparently landed to win the world championship when she was 14 may have been technically complex; I can, however, tell when a child is having a ball, and in the years before self-doubt or the burden of expectancy get to her, this is one cute American seizing the moment to march with the sumo wrestlers; living the Olympic spirit, giving and taking from it all a wholesome innocence she will never forget.

Premature fame and lost years of childhood may cost her dear, but by then she will be a millionairess. Doubtless she already is. And pressure? One jump bothered her, slightly, yesterday; the first. After that she just put in the required elements and danced to marks of 5.7s for technique, 5.8s for presentation.

The big girls, the experienced women, came and went, unable to beat those scores. Surya Bonaly, who was a child star from the island of Réunion and is now a woman skating for France, said her pirouette was hampered by a pulled muscle and her marks, as always, were horrible because judges do not respond to her.

All of 24, Bonaly remains a pleasingly exotic charmer to all but those who consider figure skating to be too pure an art for mass appeal. The edges must be perfect, the elements must conform, and undeniably there was a gap between the two tiny Americans and the senior skaters competing against them.

Womanhood was best displayed by Maria Butyrskaya, a 25-year-old Russian, who is in the bronze medal position before the free programme tomorrow. Butyrskaya has curves where women tend to have them and her competent grace was not the equal of the leaps of pliable youth of Kwan and Lipinski.

Kwan, indeed, was exquisite yesterday. Being two years older than Lipinski, she still has the eagerness but has smoothed the girlish edges. Her full set of 5.9s for presentation saw bouquets cascade down from the audience. The worst that can be said of Kwan is that she has no time for the "Olympic experience". She stays with mom and dad in a hotel, she is "focused on doing what's good for me".

Coarser Americans wish there was controversy. They laud the notoriety of Tonya Harding, whose minders attempted to disable an opponent before the previous Olympics. The Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan affair ignited an American obsession which prompted CBS to pay the United States Figure Skating Union $100 million over ten years.

Ice hockey, which embodies gratuitous violence, cannot get on network television in the same country. The NHL hoped to raise its profile via the Olympic Dream, but Team USA was not up to it. Even a format designed to allow the US into the quarter-finals came unstuck when the Czechs came from a goal down to triumph 4-1.

Grown men should not cry, but TV management might because CBS's ratings are perilously close to the limit below which they must refund advertisers' money. With Sweden also shocked by Finland, it is Canada who look favourite for gold.

The players of Canada, Finland, Russia and the Czech Republic are NHL stars. And they are out of sight of the vanquished Americans, whose philosophy was put forward by Keith Tkachuk: "If you don't win the gold medal, it's a waste of time. We expected to be there at the end."

They will not be. The girls will. And the Olympic movement will lose no sleep over the departure of big-hitters who punched their weight less convincingly than a couple of schoolgirls.

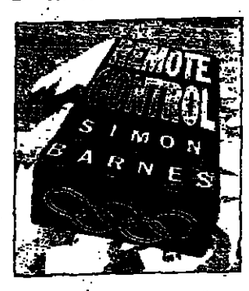
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The battle for gold between Kwan, left, and Lipinski has helped to repay the huge investment by broadcasters

Olympic sport? Surely you cannot be serious



The Martian is the central figure of the sixth-form debating society. "Has this house considered that if a Martian were to land on earth tomorrow and look at ..." — Saddam Hussein's arsenal, Test cricket, school uniforms, the list, of course, in ascending order of cosmic importance — "then he would be baffled. In fact, he would be laughing all over his little green face."

Hilarity sweeps the common room, the idea being that unfamiliarity would lay bare the inherent absurdity of the subject — that a fresh pair of eyes could not fail to see the total ludicrousness of all that we blindly and unthinkingly accepted as a serious matter.

An English judge treats cricket with reverential seriousness and sometimes even tells jurors the latest score. The French judge in the Geoffrey Boycott battering case could only make a bitter jibe that a trial for assault could not be allowed to get in the way of "a noble activity like cricket".

The French judge was not only a French cultural stereotype: he was also a Martian. Now, watching the Winter Olympic Games, I find myself something of a Martian, too. And the thing is, it takes a lot to suprise me in sport these days. Among my genuine high spots of the previous Olympics were men's high-bar gymnastics, women's springboard diving and, of course, dressage.

Winter sports turn most earthlings into Martians. We Brits think that we are the only nation in the world that does not understand winter sports, but every winter sport is a minority event in every nation, with the possible exceptions of Norway and Canada, where there is nothing else to do.

But we learn about hundreds of exotic sports from television and learn to enjoy even the most alien. Then along comes an event that shatters our fragile acceptance, an event so ludicrous that we laugh out loud. In the name of *what* are these people doing this? An Olympic sport? Has the world gone mad?

If you missed the short-track speed skating relay and the freestyle aerials, then you missed a pair of perfect hoots. I have never seen such ludicrous sport and I have covered Greco-Roman wrestling and sumo.

The short-track relay first. Off they go for, I think, 24 laps — four skaters one from each team. The confusing thing, however, is that everyone else sets off, too. The racing skaters whizz round the outside, while everyone else, another 12 of them, whizzes round in the middle. It is like Saturday morning at the ice rink in Streatham, though not quite as well-ordered and a good deal more congested.

You can make your change-over at any time. The way you do this is to whip onto the track from the inside and wait for your team-mate to come shooting up behind you to give a jolly good shove up the bum. Off you go, until it is time for you to shove the next chap up *his* bum. And on you all go, bum by bum, to the finish line. One team apparently won and the other three presumably lost. It was anarchy on ice.

And then the freestyle aerials. You ski off a ramp, shoot about 60 feet into the air, literally, to use that word beloved of all television commentators. (Best line of the games so far: "And the Russians have literally burnt off the Norwegians.")

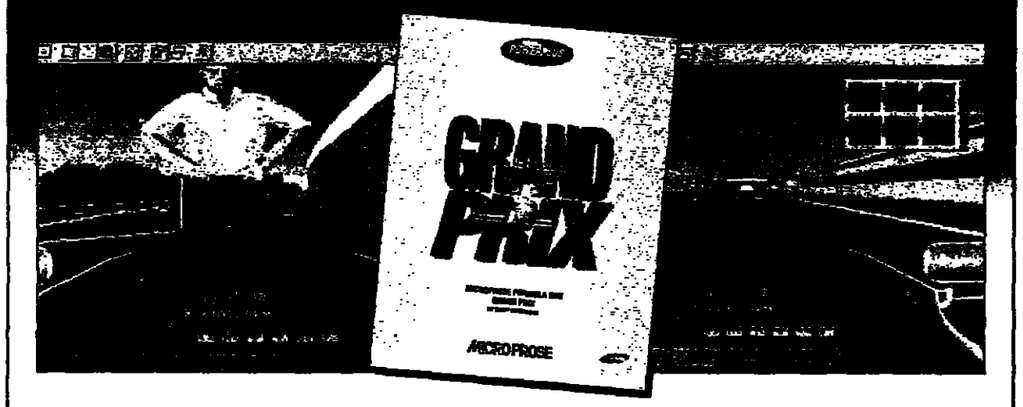
Once in the air, you have eons in which to turn somersaults. The competitors are, at the same time, stunningly impressive and utterly hilarious. Highboard divers, all but naked, are not hilarious.

But these skiers wear baggy trousers and tops and, to spoil still more the perfect lines of the human form divine, they have great planks stuck on their feet. A diver is an arrow fired straight at the human heart: a freestlye aerial skier is a crash-diving helicopter falling out of the air like a bucket. No grace, only colossal courage and skill and, really, those two things should be enough. But the Martian within breaks free and we exclaim: "You cannot be serious."

All sports are equallly ludicrous, but perhaps the Martian would agree that some sports are more equally ludicrous than others. Me, I'm off to practise my dressage. My leg-yielding's coming on a storm, did I tell you?

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BIATHLON

MEN: 10km (missed targets in brackets): 1, O Bjoendalen (Nor) 27min 16.2sec (0); 2, F Andresen (Nor) 28:17.8 (2); 3, V Faikdonen (Fin) 28:21.7 (1); 4, V Malgurov (Russ) 28:38.0 (0); 5, J Nakuma (Lat) 28:38.9 (1); 6, O Malutnins (Lat) 28:37.4 (1); 7, F Luck (Ger) 28:40.3 (1); 8, H Hansvold (Nor) 28:40.8 (2); 9, P Puurunen (Fin) 28:44.0 (0); 10, P Carrara (It) 28:44.2 (2); 11, L Gredler (Austria) 28:44.3 (2); 12, V Dratschev (Russ) 28:45.4 (1); 47, M Dixon (GB) 30:34.4 (0); 88, M Gee (GB) 33:00.3 (5).

FREESTYLE SKIING

MEN: Aerials (final positions): 1, E Bergoust (US) 253.64pts; 2, S Foucaras (Fr) 248.79; 3, D Dashchinskiy (Bela) 240.75; 4, A Valenta (Cz) 232.25; 5, B Swadley (US) 231.51; 6, A Mikhailov (Russ) 229.98; 7, C Rijavec (Austria) 227.60; 8, A Grishin (Bela) 220.99; 9, S Kravchuk (Ukr) 219.94; 10, N Fontaine (Can) 216.93; 11, J Bean (Can) 210.77; 12, A Capicik (Can) 209.01.

WOMEN: Aerials (final positions): 1, N Stone (US) 193.00; 2, Xu Nannan (China) 186.97; 3, C Brand (Switz) 171.83; 4, T Kozachenko (Ukr) 167.32; 5, A Tsuper (Ukr) 165.12; 6, H Lu (Nor) 160.18; 7, Guo Dandan (China) 159.74; 8, Y Klukova (Ukr) 153.15; 9, V Branner (Can) 151.15; 10, O Yunchik (Ukr) 139.05; 11, M Rohrbach (Switz) 129.36. Did not start: Ji Xiaoou (China)

ICE HOCKEY

MEN: Quarter-finals: Czech Republic 4 United States 1; Russia 4 Belarus 1; Canada 4 Kazakhstan 1; Finland 2 Sweden 1.

NORDIC SKIING

MEN: 4 x 10km cross-country relay: 1, Norway (S Sivertsen, E Jevne, B Dasthle, T Alagaard) 1hr 40min 55.7sec; 2, Italy (M Albarello, F Valbusa, F Maj, S Fauner) 1:40:55.9; 3, Finland (H Kirvesniemi, M Mylylae, S Repo, J Isomaasa), 1:42:13.5; 4, Sweden 1:42:25.2; 5, Russia 1:42:39.6; 6, Switzerland 1:42:49.2; 7, Japan 1:43:05.7; 8, Germany 1:43:16.1; 9, Austria 1:43:16.5; 10, Estonia 1:44:20.9; 11, Slovakia 1:44:31.8; 12, Ukraine 1:44:33.8.

ICE SKATING

WOMEN: Leading positions (after short programme): 1, M Kwan (US) 0.5 factored placements; 2, T Lipinski (US) 1.0; 3, M Butyrskaya (Russ) 1 5; 4, Lu Chen (China) 2.0; 5, I Slutskaya (Russ) 2.5; 6, S Bonaly (Fr) 3.0; 7, E Lisshenko (Ukr) 3.5; 8, V Casmerski (Pol) 4.0; 9, T Malinina (Uzbi) 4.5; 10, Y Sokolova (Russ) 5.0; 11, J Carter (Aus) 5 5; 12, L Hubert (Fr) 6.0.

TIMETABLE

All times GMT

TODAY: 0030 and 0400: Skiing, women's slalom. 0030: Nordic combined, team ski jumping. 0215 and 0615: Skiing, men's giant slalom. 0400: Biathlon, women's 4 x 7.5km relay. 0600: Speed skating, women's 1,000m. 1000: Speed skating (short track), men's 500m qualifying, 5,000m relay qualifying and women's 500m qualifying.

TOMORROW: Midnight: Nordic skiing, women's 30km. 0030 and 0400: Skiing, women's giant slalom. 0400: Nordic combined, team 4 x 5km cross country. 0600: Bobsleigh, four-man. 0545 and 0945: Ice hockey, men. 0600: Speed skating, women's 5,000m. 1000: Ice skating, women's free programme

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TODAY: BBC2: 0745-0845; 1230-1440. Eurosport: 0800-0545.

TOMORROW: BBC2: 0745-0845; 1230-1440 Eurosport: 0815-0400

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CRICKET

First one-day international match

Sri Lanka A v England A

MORATUWA (England A won toss): Sri Lanka A beat England A by 142 runs

SRI LANKA A

U C Hathurusinghe b Giles	68
A Gunewardene c Nash b Ormond	43
R P Arnold c Maddy b Giles	87
D R M Jayawardene c Cosker b Giles	52
H Widreweratne c Brown b Cosker	12
*R S Kalpage c Hollioake b Cosker	19
U D U Chandana not out	34
H Bolaju not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 9, w 6)	21
Total (6wkts, 50 overs)	328

P B Dassanayake, N Bandaratilake and S Perera did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-101, 2-136, 3-244, 4-269, 5-273, 6-309.

BOWLING: Hollioake 8-1-69-0; Brown 7-1-45-0; Ealham 10-0-74-0; Giles 10-0-52-3; Ormond 7-0-38-1; Cosker 8-0-32-2.

ENGLAND A

*N V Knight c Wickramaratne b Perera	0
D L Maddy c Jayawardene b Bolaju	10
B C Hollioake c Hathurusinghe b Bolaju	12
A Flintoff c Bolaju b Chandana	51
M A Ealham b Chandana	48
S P James lbw b Kalpage	1
A F Giles c Dassanayake b Bolaju	35
†D C Nash run out	12
D R Brown not out	2
J Ormond lbw b Bolaju	3
D A Cosker b Bandaratilake	0
Extras (w 9, nb 1)	10
Total (38.2 overs)	184

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-25, 3-39, 4-117, 5-123, 6-135, 7-176, 8-176, 9-184.

BOWLING: Perera 6-1-33-1; Bolaju 9-0-33-4; Hathurusinghe 3-0-27-0; Kalpage 6-0-36-1; Chandana 7-0-31-2; Bandaratilake 4.2-0-25-1.

Umpires: K T Francis and D N Pathirana

First Test match

South Africa v Pakistan

JOHANNESBURG (final day of five): South Africa drew with Pakistan

SOUTH AFRICA: First Innings 384 (P L Symcox 106, M V Boucher 78).

Second Innings

G Kirsten not out	20
A M Bacher not out	20
Extras (b 2, lb 2)	4
Total: (no wkt)	44

BOWLING: Waqar Younis 5.1-1-18-0, Shoaib Akhtar 5-0-22-0.

PAKISTAN: First Innings 329 (Ather Mahmood 136, L Klusener 4-93).

Man of the match: Ather Mahmood (Pakistan) and Pat Symcox (South Africa)

Umpires: C J Mitchley (South Africa) and P Willey (England)

FOOTBALL

Tuesday's late results

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Bury 0 Stoke 0; Charlton 1 Queens Park Rangers 1; Crewe 0 Birmingham 2; Nottingham Forest 3 Huddersfield 0; Oxford 2 West Brom 1; Port Vale 0 Swindon 1; Portsmouth 1 Stockport 0; Sunderland 4 Reading 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Notts F	31	19	6	6	51	26	63
Middlesbro	31	18	8	5	51	26	62
Sunderland	30	17	7	6	53	29	58
Sheff Utd	30	14	12	4	46	31	54
Charlton	31	15	8	8	54	39	53
West Brom	32	14	7	11	34	31	49
Wolverhampton	30	14	6	10	40	30	48
Stockport	32	14	5	13	49	43	47
Birmingham	31	12	11	8	39	23	47
Swindon	33	13	7	13	35	46	46
Bradford	32	11	11	10	33	33	44
Ipswich	30	10	12	8	41	32	42
Norwich	31	11	8	12	31	43	41
Crewe	32	12	4	16	40	49	40
QPR	32	9	11	12	36	47	38
Oxford Utd	31	10	8	15	38	45	38
Reading	31	9	9	13	32	49	36
Stoke	32	8	10	14	31	46	34
Tranmere	30	8	9	13	34	38	33
Huddersfld	32	8	9	15	33	49	33
Port Vale	32	8	7	17	37	50	31
Bury	32	5	16	11	28	40	31
Man City	31	7	9	15	33	36	30
Portsmth	31	7	6	18	33	50	27

THIRD DIVISION: Cardiff 4 Mansfield 1.

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Semi-finals: Northern section: Burnley 1 Preston 0; Grimsby 1 Blackpool 0. Southern section: Bournemouth 1 Luton 0; Peterborough 1 Walsall 2.

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stalybridge 2 Gateshead 2.

SPALDING CUP: Semi-finals, first leg: Hayes 0 Woking 2; Morecambe 3 Northwich 0.

TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Fourth-round replay: Dundee 3 Ross County 0; Rangers 3 Motherwell 0.

BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Hamilton 1 Ayr 1. Second division: Stenhousemuir 3 Brechin 1; Clyde 0 Livingston 3. Third division: East Stirling 1 Dumbarton 0.

DR MARTENS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath 1 Halesowen 3; Gloucester 2 Ashford 3. Southern division: Bashley 2 Weston-super-Mare 1. League Cup: Fourth-round replay: Weston 4 Moor Green 0.

RYMAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon Swills 2 Gravesend and Northfleet 2; Walton and Hersham 2 Purfleet 4; First division: Billericay 0 Maidenhead 2; Wokingham 0 Chertsey 2. Second division: Banstead 1 Northwood 1; Canvey Island 1 Met Police 1; Egham 2 Malden 0; Horsham 5 Tilbury 2; Wealdstone 2 Windsor and Eton 0. Third division: Dorking 3 Ashley 2. First Members Cup: Third round: Boreham Wood 2 Uxbridge 1. Fourth round: Carshalton 1 Leatherhead 2; Hendon 3 Dagenham and Redbridge 1; Staines 1 Basingstoke Th 4.

UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Leigh RMI 3 Colwyn Bay 0; Radcliffe 0 Altrincham 1. League Cup: Third round: Blyth Spartans 2 Marine 0; Chorley 0 Winsford 0. Unibix First division. Cup: Third round: Bamber Town 1 Ashton United 2; Stocksbridge PS 2 Trafford 3.

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Second division: Bradford 2 Barnsley 5.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Herne Bay 3 Sheerway Furness 0; Hythe 1 Cray 2; Ramsgate 1 Sheppey 3; Thamesmead 3 Faversham 1.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Peacehaven 1 Arundel 0; Portfield 2 Wick 1. John O'Hara League Cup: Third round: Ringmer Town 0 Saltdean 4.

SCREWFIX DIRECT LEAGUE: Premier division: Calne 1 Malvern 4; Chippenham 1 Brislington 0; Paulton 0 Taunton 1.

MINERVA SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division south: Amersham 0 Hillingdon Boro 4; Waltham Abbey 1 Brimsdown 4. O'Brien Butchers Challenge Trophy: Third round: Aresey 0 Potton Star 1.

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE MIDLAND COMBINATION: Premier division: Bolehill Swifts 0, Oldbrook 1. EMSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Newmarket 1 Wroxham 0.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Eccleshill 2 Denaby 1; Maltby MW 1 North Ferriby 2. President's Cup: Semi-finals: Glasshoughton Wel 2 Hucknall 0; Dinnet Albion 2 Staveley MW 1.

CALOR COUNTY: ANTRIM SHIELD: Final: Linfield 1 Coleraine 0 (aet).

FAI HARP NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Shamrock 0 Drogheda 0.

FAI HARP LAGER CUP: Final, first leg: Sligo 1 Shelbourne 0.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: First division: Limavady 1 Newry 3.

THE TIMES FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth-round replay: Leeds 2 Middlesbrough 0.

FRENCH LEAGUE CUP: Quarter-final: Marseilles 2 Auxerre 3.

AFRICAN NATIONS' CUP: Zambia 3 Mozambique 1 (at Bobo Dioulasso).

GERMAN CUP: Semi-final: Bayern Munich 3 VfB Stuttgart 0.

PORTUGUESE CUP: Quarter-final replay: Uniao Leiria 3 Boavista 1 (aet, score 1-1 after 90mins).

HOCKEY

WOMEN'S SOUTH LEAGUE: Hampstead 4 Winchester 2; Hendon 0 Southampton 0; Maidenhead 0 Oadwich 3; Reading 3 Horsham 2; Tulse Hill 1 Winchmoor Hill 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Cambridge University 43 Crawshays Welsh XV 30.

SAILING

WHITBREAD ROUND THE WORLD RACE: Fifth leg (Auckland to São Sebastião). Positions at 1200GMT yesterday, with miles to São Sebastião): 1, EF Language (Swe) 1,357.0; 2, Innovation Kvaerner 1,841.2; 3, Swedish Match (Swe) 1,849.4; 4, Merit Cup (Monaco) 1,857.3; 5, Toshiba (US) 1,857.8; 6, Ericsson Sympac (Hol) 2,088.1; 7, Chessie Racing (US) 2,097.4; 8, Silk Cut (GB) 2,468.2; 9, EF Education (Swe) 3,102.6.

SNOOKER

ABERDEEN: Regal Scottish Open (Eng unless stated): Third round: M Campbell (Scot) bt A Hicks 5-3; S Davis bt T Shaw 5-1; M Clark bt J Wattana (Thai) 5-0; N Bond bt T Murphy (N Ire) 5-1.

TENNIS

ANTWERP: European Community championships: First round: C Pistine (Fr) bt M Gustafsson (Swe) 6-4, 7-6; K Kucera (Slovakia) bt J van Herck (Bel) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2; P Korda (Cz) bt W Ferreira (SA) 6-3, 6-2; M Norman (Swe) bt T Haarhuis (Hol) 7-6, 6-3; G Ruseckas (Lith) bt A Ansari (Mor) 7-6, 6-3; 6-3.

MEMPHIS, Tennessee: St Jude Tournament: First round: W Black (Zim) bt E Alvarez (Sp) 5-7, 6-3, 7-5; G Stafford (SA) bt A Martin (Sp) 6-3, 6-0; T Nydahl (Swe) bt N Lapentti (Ec) 6-3, 7-6.

BOGOTA: Women's tournament: First round: M Mesa (Col) bt V Martinek (Ger) 6-3, 6-1.

REDBRIDGE, Essex: WTA challenge tournament (GB unless stated): First round: S Nacuk (Yug) bt E Tatarkova (Ukr) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6; S Star (Tur) bt M Lamarre (Fr) 6-3, 6-2; J Rullin bt T Garbin (It) 6-4, 7-5; K de Weille (Hol) bt S Schmidle (Ger) 4-3, ret; K Cross bt S Siddall 6-7, 7-6, 7-5; E Salvador (Sp) bt D van de Zande (Bel) 6-2, 6-4; J Ward bt S Bes (Sp) 6-3, 6-2; M Shaughnessy (US) bt V Csurgo (Hun) 6-3, 6-3; L Ladmer bt K Kschwendt (Austria) 2-6, 7-5, 7-6; H Rosen (Ier) bt M Kochta (Ger) 6-1, 5-4.

POOLS DIVIDENDS

LITTLEWOODS: Treble Chance: Maximum 23 points "game of two halves" 23 points: £246,838.00; 22pts £784.20; 21pts £80.85; 20pts £10.90. Half-time results: 23pts £3.27. Four draws £4.90; Nine homes £24.35; Five aways £5.85.

VERNONS: Treble chance: 23 points £56,592; 22pts £416.75; 21pts £83.15. Premier 10; £91.

ZETTERS: Treble Chance: 23 points £22,411.05; 22pts £64.85; 21pts £4.95; 20pts £6p. Four aways: £5. Eight homes: £11. Four draws: £10. 26 draws treble chance: 24pts £359.35; 23 pts £17.60. Fat Five £56.80.

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RACING: NATIONAL TRAINERS' FEDERATION CONSIDERS EXPELLING MEMBER

Hoad risks disciplinary charge

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

A TRAINER with one of the worst disciplinary records in racing is facing the threat of expulsion from the National Trainers' Federation (NTF) after he claimed that up to 30 per cent of races were fixed.

Roger Hoad, who is based at Lewes, has been asked to explain comments and allegations attributed to him in a Sunday newspaper. The NTF council will consider the case at its next meeting on March 9. If, as appears likely, Hoad is thrown out, it will be the first time the trade organisation has taken such drastic action against one of its members.

In an article which appeared soon after the arrest of Jamie Osborne, Dean Gallagher and Leighton Aspell, Hoad claimed he had been offered bribes running into thousands of pounds "more times than I can remember" to throw races. He alleged that races were being "sorted" every day with trainers entering non-triers over unsuitable going and distances.

His remarks infuriated fellow trainers, several of whom lodged objections with the NTF. "A lot of people telephoned demanding to know what we were going to do about it," Grant Harris, chief executive of the federation, said yesterday.

The NTF rule book contains a disciplinary section which allows for a member to be fined, suspended or expelled if found guilty of conduct which is detrimental or prejudicial to the objectives and interests of the federation, or the standing of trainers of racehorses generally. A member can also face disciplinary action for any offence or behaviour deemed to be undesirable and against the interests of other members.

"He has been written to and asked to explain his comments and allegations. So far I have had no reply," Harris added. "It is the first time since I have been doing this job that we have written to anyone under the disciplinary heading. It will be discussed on March 9 and I have asked him to let us have an explanation by then and say whether he wishes to attend or to make written submissions."

Hoad has been found guilty of a number of offences at Jockey Club hearings over the past 17 years — ranging from horses who have tested positive to prohibited substances to threatening behaviour and abusive language.

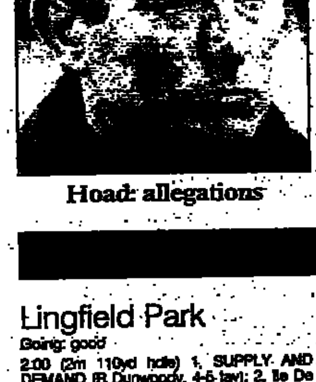
In April 1995 he had his trainer's licence removed for 12 months after Elburg, the winner of a race at Pontefract, tested positive to four prohibited substances. Hoad was also found to have misled a Jockey Club official. Earlier he had been at the centre of another investigation but was cleared of tampering with the weights in a saddle cloth.

Apart from any action the NTF may take after his allegations, the Jockey Club could charge Hoad with bringing racing into disrepute. "We have asked him to explain the remarks that were credited to him," a Jockey Club spokesman said.

Hoad said yesterday he stood by everything in the article but would not be replying to the NTF.

The Jockey Club will also be kept busy studying a confidential report into a delay to the start of racing at Musselburgh yesterday. The meeting began 42 minutes late after a doctor failed to turn up at the appointed time. Under Jockey Club rules, two doctors must be in attendance for racing to begin.

Stewards' secretary, Robert Earnshaw, said: "It's always necessary to have two doctors as one could be out on the course attending to injuries."



Hoad: allegations



Supply And Demand, left, takes command at Lingfield. Photograph: Edward Whitaker

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Country Beau
(2.50 Sandown Park)

Country Beau will appreciate the drop in class after taking on French Holly and Grey Shot in a grade one race over course and distance. Jeff King's runner should appreciate today's faster ground.

Next best: Knight's Crest
(2.20 Sandown Park)

TAUNTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Major Change. 2.40 Ginzbourg. 3.15 Fighting Times. 3.45 Jet Files. 4.20 Frontier Flight. 4.50 Ragtime Boy. 5.20 Hi Marble.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS

2.10 BLACKDOWN MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div I: £1,991: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 04- ARCTIC CHANTER 470 B Millman 6-11-5 D Salter (3) –
2 BUFFALO RIVER 514F F Morgan 5-11-5 A S Smith –
3 0 MAJOR CHANGE 13 Mrs S Kelleway 6-11-5 G Bradley 95
4 02 MR SPECULATOR 12 J Spearing 5-11-5 D J Kavanagh (5) 94
5 NORDINEX 101F R Hayward 5-11-5 I Lawrence –
6 000 ONE FINE MAN 8 T P Walsh 5-11-5 J Magee (3) –
7 5425 QUASIMATIC 28 P Bowen 5-11-5 R Greene 78
8 P SARASOTA STORM 84 R Frost 6-11-5 Mr A Holdsworth –
9 TUDOR COTTAGE P Pritchard 9-11-5 S Burrough –
10 ZYGO 118F P Phillips 6-11-5 S McNeill –
11 UF0- ORCHARD LADY 682P N Mitchell 6-11-0 Mrs A Davis –
12 0 BRAVE ENVOY 61 M Heaton-Ellis 4-10-9 B Powell 70
13 SAND CAY 168F R J O'Sullivan 4-10-9 R Johnson –
14 P THEOS 21 N Ayliffe 4-10-9 G Tormey –

7-4 Major Change, 5-2 Mr Speculator, 7-1 Quasimatic, 12-1 Buffalo River, 14-1 Arctic Chanter, Zygo, Sand Cay, 16-1 others

2.40 BLACKDOWN MAIDEN HURDLE
(Div II: £1,991: 2m 1f) (14)

1 0-0 ANOTHER BULA 70 R Howe 7-11-5 G Shenkin (7) –
2 0 BLUE BLAZER 28 P Frost 8-11-5 J Frost –
3 0-P BUDDY DIVER 35 C Popham 5-11-5 Mr O McPhail (5) –
4 0 NOT QUITE GREY 24 T D McCarthy 5-11-5 Mr R Wakley (3) 56
5 2P PC'S CRUISER 33 D Turner 6-11-5 Mrs A Hand –
6 0 PRIVATE AUDIENCE B W Muir 5-11-5 A Bates (5) –
7 SAYEH 524F P Bowen 6-11-5 W Marston –
8 SERGEYEV 299F C Sherwood 6-11-5 J A McCarthy –
9 420 SHARK 28 F Morgan 5-11-5 A S Smith 60
10 MISSMASS R Smith 5-11-0 T J Murphy –
11 46F SOLOISM 22 P Ames 5-11-0 P Holley –
12 35 BOLD ORIENTAL 108 C Brooks 4-10-9 S McNeill –
13 5 GINZBOURG 40 R O'Sullivan 4-10-9 R Johnson 82
14 4 LIMELIGHT 35 P Murphy 4-10-4 C Maude 80

4-6 Sergeyev, 7-1 Ginzbourg, 8-1 Bold Oriental, 10-1 Shark, 12-1 Sayeh, 14-1 Soloism, 16-1 Private Audience, 20-1 others

3.15 PORLOCK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,495: 2m 1f) (14)

1 42-0 CROMABOO CROWN 8 (G) P Bevan 7-11-10 W Worthington 85
2 6-4P ILANDRA 12F C Popham 6-11-3 Mr O McPhail (5) 75
3 5454 PAYASO 24 R Savage 4-11-3 R Johnson 85
4 403P BRIGHT ECLIPSE 70 (F) R Frost 5-11-1 J Frost 79
5 960 FIGHTING TIMES 20 C Smith 6-10-13 V Slattery 102
6 25-5 BLURRED IMAGE 8 J C Poulton 7-10-13 M Batchelor (7) 64
7 F043 FLAHIVE'S FIRST 6 D Burchell 4-10-9 D J Burchell 76
8 3345 OAKBURY 10 (D,G) Miss L Siddall 6-10-9 T Siddall (7) 75
9 -050 PETROS GEM 35 M Bolton 5-10-5 J Harris (7) 72
10 052 FIVE LIVE 21 C Cole 4-10-7 R Supple 62
11 P4-0 WEATHER ALERT 14 (V,D,G) F Morgan 7-10-5 A S Smith 77
12 00P0 BEAR HUG 8 (B) M Sheppard 5-10-2 T J Murphy 65
13 PPP CAIUS CALICULA 20 B Preece 7-10-0 J Magee (7) –
14 PPO MILESTONE 28 N Ayliffe 6-10-0 R Greene –

7-2 Flahive's First, 9-2 Blurred Image, 11-2 Fighting Times, 13-2 Five Live, 8-1 Oakbury, 10-1 Ilandra, Payaso, 12-1 others

3.45 TOTE NOVICES CHASE (£3,664: 3m) (8)

1 3F23 THURSDAY NIGHT 3 (F,S) P Nicholls 7-11-5 Mr J Tizzard (5) 130
2 F4P3 DURZIR 31 (F) P Rodford 6-10-10 S Burrough 34
3 -010 GENTLEMAN JIM 73 (G) C Popham 6-10-10 G Tormey –
4 -210 JET FILES 40 (G) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-10 D Leahy –
5 U5P MOORLOUGH BAY 52 (D,G) H Howe 8-10-10 R Greene 103
6 4080 NODDADANTE 10 (G) N Mitchell 5-10-10 G Upton –
7 P7PP STORM POINT 55 (B) H Howe 10-10-10 G Shenkin (7) –
8 2UPP CAUDILLAS LEGACY 12 H Cole 7-10-5 T Dascombe –

15-8 Thursday Night, 2-1 Jet Files, 5-1 Caudillas Legacy, 6-1 Gentleman Jim, 14-1 Moorlough Bay, 20-1 Noddadante, 25-1 Storm Point

4.20 FEBRUARY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,214: 2m 3f 110yd) (8)

1 155- RIVER ROOM 434 (D,F,G) C Popham 8-11-12 Mr O McPhail (5) 105
2 51FF MRS EM 70 (F,S) P Nicholls 6-11-7 L Cummins (5) 110
3 2-10 DEVON PEASANT 19 (S) L Collins 6-11-6 Mr L Jefford 123
4 -014 SIBERIAN MYSTIC 52 (C,G) P Murphy 5-11-3 C Maude 116
5 3-41 NEVER IN DEBT 28 (CD,F,S) A Hobbs 6-11-2 T J Murphy 115
6 3323 WADADA 9 (F,G) D Burchell 7-11-2 D J Burchell 112
7 248F FRONTIER FLIGHT 13 (CD,F,G,S) Miss L Siddall 8-10-12 E Husband (3) 116
8 -562 BEYOND OUR REACH 10 (F,G,S) R Hodges 10-10-7 T Dascombe 112

3-1 Wadada, 4-1 Siberian Mystic, 5-1 Never in Debt, 11-2 Devon Peasant, 7-1 Frontier Flight, 8-1 Mrs Em, 10-1 Beyond Our Reach, 16-1 River Room

4.50 CHEDDAR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,680: 3m) (5)

1 2-5P MAPLE DANCER 14 (D,F,G,S) D Wintle 12-11-10 G Shenkin (7) 105
2 34-P SPRINGS TO GLORY 62 (D,F,G) P Hayward 11-11-0 B Powell 117
3 -6FP INDIAN DELIGHT 35 M Pipe 8-10-2 C Maude 92
4 6546 SILVERINO 21 (D,G,S) S Knight 12-10-0 D Salter (3) 112
5 34P5 RAGTIME BOY 52 (D,S) C Barwell 10-10-0 R Johnson 133

2-1 Indian Delight, 5-2 Springs To Glory, 3-1 Maple Dancer, 11-2 Silverino, 13-2 Ragtime Boy

5.20 CRANMORE MARES ONLY HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,558: 3m 110yd) (10)

1 2535 THEME ARENA 8 (V,C,F) M Pipe 5-11-12 J Evans 106
2 3-40 LA MENORQUINA 17F (F,G) D Marks 8-11-1 R Powell 92
3 5045 PONTEVEDRA 7 (B,G) F Morgan 5-11-0 A S Smith 101
4 1200 HI MARBLE 21 (D,G,S) Mrs M Jones 7-10-8 T J Murphy 115
5 -620 SONG OF KENDA 24 H M Imar 6-10-5 D Salter (3) 118
6 P55P ROSIE-B 52 (CD,G) L Wells 9-10-3 M Griffiths (7) 94
7 5F35 SPARKLING BUCK 26 N Ayliffe 6-10-1 Guy Lewis (5) 92
8 0060 LADY KAY-LEE 21 M Usher 6-10-0 G Tormey 82
9 0P-0 MADAM POLLY 6 Miss P Griffiths 7-10-0 Mr R Wakley (3) 80
10 00P0 SPLASH OF BLAKENEY 7 (V) S Knight 7-10-0 W Marston 65

11-4 Theme Arena, 7-2 La Menorquina, 11-2 Pontevedra, 6-1 Song Of Kenda, 8-1 Hi Marble, 10-1 Rosie-B, 14-1 Lady Kay-Lee, 20-1 others

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.00 Night City. 2.30 Sugar Plum. 3.05 Super Monarch. 3.35 Village Pub. 4.10 Manolo. 4.40 Madman's Mirage.

GOING: SLOW DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW BEST SIS

2.00 BARNABY RUDGE CLAIMING STAKES
(£2,232: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1 3313 NIGHT CITY 16 (CD,S) K Burke 7-9-7 D Sweeney (3) 5
2 -222 DUET ARCH 21 (C) W Muir 5-9-7 Martin Dwyer 3
3 -065 SASEEDO 24 (B,F,G,S) P Howling 8-8-11 G Carter 2
4 FAIR FINNISH Lord Huntingdon 4-8-8 D Harrison 4
5 050- GREENWICH FORE 164 (V) T Mills 4-8-4 J Quinn 1
6 04-0 MY HERO 13 T Mills 4-7-13 Lisa Hackett (7) 6

7-4 Night City, 9-4 Duet Arch, 4-1 Fair Finnish, 9-2 Saseedo, 25-1 others

2.30 DAVID COPPERFIELD FILLIES HANDICAP
(£2,726: 1m 2f) (7)

1 3-03 PERPETUAL LIGHT 15 (V) J J Quinn 5-10-0 G Faulkner (5) 4
2 5231 REHAAB 5 (V,CD,F) Miss B Sanders 5-9-13 (6ex) A Clark 3
3 000- SUGAR PLUM 369 W G M Turner 4-9-7 D Sweeney (3) 6
4 -536 SILANKKA 26 M Channon 4-9-6 Candy Morris 1
5 -121 MOGIN 21 (CD,F) T Naughton 5-8-12 D Holland 7
6 50-0 GO FOR GREEN 21 J Scargill 4-8-11 R Ffrench 2
7 /05- LITTLE MISS RIBOT 62 (CD,F) R O'Sullivan 8-7-11 J Quinn 5

9-4 Mogin, 5-2 Rehaab, 11-4 Perpetual Light, 10-1 Silankka, 12-1 Go For Green, Little Miss Ribot, 25-1 Sugar Plum

3.05 HARD TIMES MAIDEN STAKES (£3,501: 7f) (9)

1 0423 CLONOE 9 R Ingram 4-9-10 A McGlone 6
2 0050 SUPER MONARCH 11 S Dow 4-9-10 W Ryan 8
3 BALI TIMES M Haynes 4-9-5 M Connolly (7) 4
4 00- BRAVE MAPLE 128 S C Williams 3-8-7 D Williams (7) 3
5 36-2 STRIDING KING 9 M Channon 3-8-7 A Mackay 1
6 COUPLED S C Williams 3-8-2 G Carter 9
7 HEVER FEVER T Naughton 3-8-2 R Ffrench 2
8 35-0 MAKE BELIEVE 45 M Polglase 3-8-2 A McCarthy (5) 7
9 6 ZARIFA 19 R Flower 3-8-2 Martin Dwyer 5

7-4 Striding King, 3-1 Super Monarch, 11-2 Clonoe, 7-1 Hever Fever, 12-1 Coupled, 14-1 Bali Times, Make Believe, 16-1 others

3.35 BLEAK HOUSE SELLING STAKES
(£1,830: 6f) (9)

1 60/0 DARBY FLYER 15 W Muir 5-9-7 Martin Dwyer 2
2 -000 INVIGILATE 24 (D,F,G) M Quinn 9-9-7 A Whelan 6
3 3000 PLEIN GAZ 7 (D,S) J Bridger 5-9-7 G Bardwell 1
4 6-66 THE FRISKY FARMER 23 (D,F,S) W G M Turner 5-9-7 C Lowther (3) 7
5 000- THREEPLAY 69 J Akehurst 4-9-7 A Clark 8
6 00-0 VILLAGE PUB 17 (B) P Cunningham-Brown 4-9-7 D Holland 4
7 060- NABURN LOCH 65 J D Hyde 8-9-2 R Havlin (7) 3
8 6556 SUPERLAO 19 (D,F,S) J Bridger 6-9-2 R Studholme (7) 5
9 -230 WILD NETTLE 23 J Fox 4-9-2 A McCarthy (5) 9

6-4 The Frisky Farmer, 9-2 Wild Nettle, 13-2 Superlao, 7-1 Threeplay, 8-1 Plein Gaz, 10-1 Village Pub, 14-1 Invigilate, 20-1 others

4.10 GREAT EXPECTATIONS HANDICAP
(£2,792: 5f) (10)

1 4542 RAMSEY HOPE 9 (V,CD,F) C Fairhurst 5-9-12 L Charnock 1
2 2326 HALF TONE 7 (B,CD,F,G,S) R Flower 6-9-11 Dane O'Neill 4
3 2-01 MANOLO 9 (V,C,D,F) D Loder 5-9-8 (6ex) K Fallon 9
4 43-6 MISTER RAIDER 42 (B,CD,F) E Wheeler 6-9-2 B O Leary (7) 5
5 6235 GOODBYE GATEMEN 9 (B,D,G) B Pearce 4-9-1 Martin Dwyer 10
6 4-61 LA DOYENNE 14 (CD,G) C Booth 4-8-13 S Whitworth 8
7 -321 RISE 'N SHINE 7 (CD) C Cyzer 4-8-9 (6ex) R Ffrench 7
8 0-15 SOUND THE TRUMPET 14 (BF,CD,G) R Spicer 6-8-7 J Bramhill 2
9 -046 GLIMMERING HOPE 22 D Shaw 4-7-10 P Doe (5) 6
10 4405 LOGIE PERT LAD 5 J Bridger 6-7-10 A McCarthy (5) 3

3-1 Manolo, 5-1 Rise 'n Shine, 6-1 Ramsey Hope, La Doyenne, 7-1 Half Tone, Sound The Trumpet, 8-1 Mister Raider, 10-1 others

4.40 NICHOLAS NICKLEBY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,404: 7f) (5)

1 -123 BLUE SHADOW 26 (B,CD) R Hannon 9-7 P Dobbs (7) 5
2 000- TAKE A TURN 120 (D,S) M Channon 9-5 A Mackay 2
3 04-0 HIGH GAIN 13 (F) P Howling 8-12 S Whitworth 1
4 00-1 MADMAN'S MIRAGE 3 M Johnston 8-11 (6ex) D Holland 3
5 5341 AMBER REGENT 8 (D) P Haslam 8-8 (6ex) C Lowther (3) 4

6-4 Madman's Mirage, 9-4 Amber Regent, 7-2 Blue Shadow, 10-1 Take A Turn, High Gain

Blinkered first time

LINGFIELD PARK: 4.10 Goodbye Gatemen. SANDOWN PARK: 4.30 Royal Arctic, Danzante. TAUNTON: 3.15 Bear Hug, 3.45 Storm Point, 5.20 Splash Of Blakeney

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Lingfield Park

Going: good

2.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, SUPPLY AND DEMAND (R Dunwoody, 4-5 fav); 2, Ile De Libraie (M A Fitzgerald, 15-2); 3, General Assembly (M Richards, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 Fire Ball (4th), 25 Florentino, 33 Ruby Two Shoes (5th), 50 Crest Wing, Dutch (6th), Hardgate Moss, Magic Lamp. 10 ran. NR: Fourdaned. 1½l, 15l, 2l, 15l, 4l. G L Moore at Brighton. Tote: £1.70; £1.10, £1.50, £2.60. DF: £4.00. Trio: £30.10. CSF: £7.77.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, FULIP (Mr T Doumen, evens fav); 2, Who Am I (R Thornton, 16-1); 3, Cross's Delight (A P McCoy, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Donnington (f), 5 The Proms, 11 Hum 'N' Haw (6th), 33 Benji (4th), One Word, 66 Castle Bay, Clock Watchers (ur). 10 ran. NR: Lisnavaragh Conductor. 28l, 16l, dist, 19l. F Doumen in France. Tote: £2.30; £1.60, £3.50, £3.80. DF: £23.30. Trio: £79.00. CSF: £18.80.

3.00 (2m 7f hdle) 1, TORBOY (A P McCoy, 5-1); 2, Fullyems Crest (M A Fitzgerald, 4-5 fav); 3, Rupert Blues (M Richards, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Ivory Coaster (4th), 12 Tuckers Town (f), 20 Ballyhenry (5th), Fringe Benefit, 25 Foleys Quest (6th), 33 Rhythm And Booze, Seventh Wave, 50 Grimmbee, Ickford Okey, 66 Airbourne Prince, Cachalot, Jester Minute. 15 ran. NR: Riverside Stroll. 16l, 5l, ¾l, 6l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £7.60; £1.60, £1.20, £3.30. DF: £5.30. Trio: £47.50. CSF: £9.15.

3.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, WALTER'S DESTINY (S McNeill, 6-1); 2, North End Lady (Mr Edgar Byrne, 6-1); 3, Hawthorne Glen (B Fenton, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Take My Side (4th), 5 Western Chief, 11-2 Derry's Glory, The Carrot Man (5th), Mingus, 12 Adilov, 14 Flow Back, Hotspur Street (6th), 20 Rosevear, 33 Reach For Glory. 13 ran. 6l, 2l, 7l, 3l. C Mitchell at Dorchester. Tote: £8.20; £2.30, £4.20, £3.90. DF: £24.20. Trio: £222.30. CSF: £45.33. Tricast: £538.58.

4.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, TICKERTY'S GIFT (A P McCoy, 7-2); 2, Edding (Chris Webb, 15-8 fav); 3, Poly Amanshaa (M Richards, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Harbet House (4th), 13-2 Real Madrid (5th). 5 ran. 1¼l, 3¼l, 11l, dist. G L Moore at Brighton. Tote: £3.60; £1.90, £1.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £10.26.

4.30 (3m ch) 1, HOLLAND HOUSE (Mr C Vigors, 11-10); 2, Double Silk (Mr R Treloggen, evens fav); 3, Sirisat (Mr O McPhail, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Tomcappagh (f). 4 ran. Hd, dist. P Chamings at Basingstoke. Tote: £2.00. DF: £1.30. CSF: £2.48.

5.00 (2m 110yd flat) 1, DRAGON LORD (R Dunwoody, 15-8 fav); 2, Rockcliffe Gossip (C Llewellyn, 5-1); 3, Kingsmark (A Maguire, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Son Of Glen, 13-2 Facts Not Fiction (4th), 9 Try Me And See (5th), 10 Sister Dee, 12 Steiphonic, 14 Borotown Lord, 16 Mershigner (6th), Moonshine Bay, 20 John Bush, 33 Steipnir, Southdown Lad, Verdi Edition, Wishful Venture, You're Agoodun, 50 Express Crusader, Langley Marsh, Viking Art. 20 ran. 1½l, 5l, 3l, 2½l, 1¾l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £2.40, £4.70. DF: £15.40. Trio: £47.50. CSF: £12.22.

Placepot: £41.70. Quadpot: £17.40.

Musselburgh

Going: good to firm

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Meraud (M H Naughton, 6-4 fav); 2, Sparky (5-1); 3, Reeds (14-1). 10 ran. 4l, 1½l. L Lloyd-James. Tote: £2.60; £1.10, £2.10, £3.50. DF: £5.80. Trio: £14.10. CSF: £8.53.

2.50 (2m ch) 1, Uk Hygiene (Mr C Bonner, 8-1); 2, Jack Yeats (2-1); 3, Falcon's Flame (9-1). China King (f) 5-4 fav. 8 ran. 3l, 9l. M Hammond. Tote: £9.20; £3.30, £1.10. DF: £11.90. CSF: £23.58.

3.20 (2m hdle) 1, Indiana Princess (P Niven, 9-2); 2, Maple Bay (9-2); 3, Tawafij (4-1). Best Of All 11-4 fav. 6 ran. ¾l, ¾l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £6.50; £2.60, £2.80. DF: £7.40. CSF: £22.52.

3.50 (3m ch) 1, Camptosaurus (A Dobbin, 20-1); 2, Baacrack (20-1); 3, Wudimp (14-1). Boyzontoowa 3-1 fav. 13 ran. 12l, 5l. D Alder. Tote: £19.70; £3.10, £10.20, £4.60. DF: £202.10. CSF: £317.05. Tricast: £5,182.31. Trio: £1,042.30.

4.20 (3m ch) 1, Howayman (Mr K Anderson, 7-2); 2, Postage Stamp (5-1); 3, Secret Bay (4-5 fav). 11 ran. ¾l, 1¼l. K Anderson. Tote: £4.00; £2.50, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £9.40. Trio: £2.80. CSF: £17.96.

4.50 (3m hdle) 1, Over The Beck (E Callaghan, 7-4 fav); 2, Glenbower (8-1); 3, Kir Smartie (11-2). 9 ran. NR: The Boozing Brief. ½l, 2½l. J Jefferson. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £1.80, £2.40. DF: £12.20. Trio: £20.90. CSF: £16.14. Tricast: £62.32.

Jackpot: not won, (pool of £19,709.12 carried forward to Sandown Park today). Placepot: £1,347.90. Quadpot: £120.20.

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

2.10 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Miracle Island (D Holland, 8-11 fav); 2, Western Sonata (7-2); 3, Al's Fella (13-2). 10 ran. 5l, 9l. D Loder. Tote: £1.30; £1.10, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £3.50. Trio: £3.60. CSF: £3.46.

2.40 (1m 6f 166yd) 1, Mister Aspecto (D Holland, 4-9 fav); 2, Jaraab (9-1); 3, Nikita's Star (6-1). 8 ran. NR: Frankie Harry Vrennan. 2½l, 10l. M Johnston. Tote: £1.50; £1.00, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £3.30. Trio: £9.00. CSF: £5.26.

3.10 (7f) 1, Weetman's Weigh (D Holland, 14-1); 2, Trojan Hero (11-4 fav); 3, Swift (16-1). 9 ran. NR: Fire Dome. 1½l, hd. R Hollinshead. Tote: £15.10; £3.70, £1.70, £1.90. DF: £23.70. Trio: £150.00. CSF: £49.96. Tricast: £598.22.

3.40 (5f) 1, Dahlidya (A McCarthy, 33-1); 2, Phantom Ring (7-2); 3, Allmaites (9-1). Polar Mist 100-30 fav. 7 ran. Nk, 1¼l. M Polglase. Tote: £30.70; £6.70, £1.40. DF: £45.20. CSF: £133.07.

4.10 (6f) 1, Risky Whisky (G Carter, 5-2); 2, Malozza (7-1); 3, Rockswain (9-4 fav). 9 ran. Nk, 1¼l. J Berry. Tote: £2.80; £1.10, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £13.90. Trio: £10.00. CSF: £18.78.

4.40 (1m 4f) 1, Smart Boy (David O'Neill, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Drama King (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Ambidextrous (7-2). 8 ran. 7l, 1l. P Cole. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £19.10. CSF: £11.66. Tricast: £30.06.

Placepot: £32.70. Quadpot: £19.00.

SANDOWN PARK

THUNDERER

1.50 Nordance Prince
2.20 KNIGHT'S CREST (nap)
2.50 Country Beau
3.25 Edredon Bleu
3.55 Lucky Dollar
4.30 Kinnahalla

Timekeeper's top rating: 3.25 EDREDON BLEU.

Carl Evans: 3.55 Lucky Dollar.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. Timekeeper's speed rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

1.50 FAIRMILE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,840: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

101 34112-2 NORDANCE PRINCE 26 (D,F) (Pinks Gym Wear Ltd) Miss V Williams 7-11-11 S Kelly (5) 120
102 1264/P0 WISHING 10 (D,F) (A Spence) T D McCarthy 7-11-7 D Burrows 80
103 5010-11 BELMARITA 7 (D,F,G) (G Hubbard) G Hubbard 5-11-3 (6ex) G Brennan (7) 116
104 5-34582 BEND SABLE 24 (D,F,G,S) (Test Valley Partnership) R Stronge 8-10-9 R Thornton 105
105 -2P20F1 FLEET CADET 77 (V,D,F,G,S) (Sir John Swaine) M Pipe 7-10-8 G Supple 107
106 2223522 SKRAM 28 (F,S) (W Evans & Mrs D Weaver) R Dickin 5-10-5 X Aizpuru 98
107 0/40/1- CIPRIANI QUEEN 474 (D,F) (Tor Royal Racing Club) J Gifford 8-10-0 W Greatrex (7) –
108 3-44436 BEN BOWDEN 13 (F) (Mrs N Malloy) S Woodman 5-10-0 Sophie Mitchell 109

Long handicap: Ben Bowden 9-7

BETTING: 9-4 Belmarita, 4-1 Fleet Cadet, 5-1 Bend Sable, 6-1 Nordance Prince, 7-1 Skram, 8-1 Cipriani Queen, 14-1 Wishing, Ben Bowden.

1997: DOCTOOR 7-11-9 D Walsh (11-8 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

FORM FOCUS: Nordance Prince 9l 2nd of 5 to Flying Instructor in handicap chase at Haydock (2m, soft). Wishing 33l 13th of 15 to Caracol in handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f 110yd, good). Belmarita beat Meltemison 1¾l in 3-runner handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to firm). Bend Sable 6l 2nd of 12 to Storm Tiger in handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). Fleet Cadet beat Nessun Doro 2l in 4-runner handicap hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). Skram 3½l 2nd of 5 to Anna Soleil in handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft). Cipriani Queen beat Riding Crop ¾l in 6-runner novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good to firm). Ben Bowden beaten a distance 6th of 10 to Mon Amie in handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft).

BELMARITA won in great style at Huntingdon and can complete a treble

2.20 SUMMIT CONFERENCES & MEETINGS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,631: 3m 110yd) (6 runners)

201 4-213U5 LORD ROOBLE 29 (BF,G) (Fadan Partnership) J Gifford 7-11-10 P Hide 115
202 1-0PPP3 BALLYDOUGAN 14 (V,S) (Mrs R Mathew) R Mathew 10-10-7 S Curran 90
203 06-P662 SWING QUARTET 14 (G) (Mrs A Davies) N Twiston-Davies 8-10-5 C Llewellyn 118
204 840-042 KNIGHT'S CREST 20 (G) (Hasby) R Dickin 8-10-4 A Thornton 122
205 42-11PP EKEUS 21 (D,F,G) (Miss S Douglas-Pennant) J King 8-10-0 A Dobbin 108
206 6221PP/ NODDYS EXPRESS 1026P (G) (Mrs L Jones) N Thomson 13-10-0 Mr C Bonner (5) –

Long handicap: Ekeus 9-13, Noddys Express 9-4

BETTING: 6-4 Knight's Crest, 15-8 Swing Quartet, 9-2 Lord Rooble, 6-1 Ekeus, 25-1 Ballydougan, 50-1 Noddys Express

1997: HAWAIIAN SAM 7-11-2 G Crone (2-1) A Turnell 4 ran

FORM FOCUS: Lord Rooble 20l 5th of 11 to Pennymoor Prince in novice chase at Windsor (2m 5f, good to soft). Ballydougan beaten a distance 3rd of 9 to Sail By The Stars in handicap chase at Towcester (3m 1f, good). Swing Quartet 8l 2nd of 16 to Bamallah in novice chase at Towcester (2m 6f, good). Knight's Crest ¾l 2nd of 10 to The Toiseach in novice handicap chase at Doncaster (3m, good).

KNIGHT'S CREST ran well against a good horse last time and this is easier

2.50 NFU NOVICES HURDLE (£2,866: 2m 110yd) (7 runners)

301 60-112P NAMOODAJ 19 (D,G,S) (All The King's Men) D Nicholson 5-11-12 A Maguire 125
302 611-216 COUNTRY BEAU 40 (CD,G,S) (Mrs J Peppiatt) J King 6-11-8 R Dunwoody 133
303 53 FAMILY MAN 29 (Family Man Partnership) J Fanshawe 5-11-4 A Dobbin 119
304 6/P HIMALAYAN BLUE 20 (Mrs E Heath) Mrs E Heath 6-11-4 D Gallagher –
305 0 PALACE GUARD 13 (H Doubtire) G Enright 6-11-4 Mr S Durack (5) –
306 33/ PHARSTAR 718 (BF) (W, M & Mrs E Tobias) N Henderson 7-11-4 M A Fitzgerald –
307 02 ALHOSAAM 9 (Speedline Telecom) G L Moore 4-10-8 A P McCoy 112

BETTING: 15-8 Country Beau, 7-2 Namoodaj, Family Man, 5-1 Alhosaam, 6-1 Pharstar, 33-1 others

1997: JUVUSH 5-11-12 J Osborne (1-6 fav) J Old 11 ran

FORM FOCUS: Namoodaj pulled up in novice handicap hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good to soft); previously 2l 2nd of 7 to Serenus in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good). Country Beau 40l 6th of 8 to French Holly in hurdle grade 1 at Sandown (2m 110yd, soft). Family Man 4½l 3rd of 13 to Dawn Leader in novice hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 110yd, good to soft). Alhosaam 9l 2nd of 21 to Upgrade in novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, good).

COUNTRY BEAU should take all the beating back on decent ground

3.25 LONDESBOROUGH HANDICAP CHASE (£7,077: 2m) (4 runners)

401 64-3352 STORM ALERT 12 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs D Perrett) D Nicholson 12-12-0 A Maguire 147
402 20P-411 EDREDON BLEU 54 (G,S) (J Lewis) Miss H Knight 6-11-3 A P McCoy 160
403 1F124-3 FINE HARVEST 19 (D,F,G) (Miss A Shirley-Priest) J Spearing 12-11-6 R Dunwoody 139
404 411/3-P HEDGEHOPPER 6 (D,F,G,S) (D Knott) C Weedon 10-10-3 M Richards –

BETTING: 10-11 Edredon Bleu, 3-1 Storm Alert, Fine Harvest, 14-1 Hedgehopper

1997: MISTER ODDY 11-11-11 D Fortt (7-2) J King 4 ran

FORM FOCUS: Storm Alert 2l 2nd of 4 to Big Matt in handicap chase at Sandown (2m, good). Edredon Bleu beat Kadi ½l in 5-runner handicap chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, soft). Fine Harvest 7¾l 3rd of 7 to Combran Challenge in handicap chase at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). Hedgehopper pulled up in handicap chase at Newbury (2m 1f, good); previously 16l 3rd of 4 to Celibate in novice chase grade 2 at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm)

EDREDON BLEU has plenty of speed and can complete the treble dropped in trip

3.55 WILFRED JOHNSTONE HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,590: 2m 4f 110yd) (5 runners)

501 1314-21 LUCKY DOLLAR 11P (C,F) (Mrs S S-Bearan) S S-Bearan 10-12-4 Miss P Robson (5) 111
502 215P-32 ARCHIES OATS 12P (CD,G,S) (J T-Rolph) J T-Rolph 9-12-1 Mr J Trice-Rolph (5) 100
503 28315P- ABBOTSHAM 264 (F,G,S) (D Carter) D Carter 13-11-10 Mr S Durack (5) 90
504 8P45044 CHAPPUCCI 11P (G,S) (Mrs E Heath) Mrs E Heath 8-11-10 Mrs F Needham (7) 84
505 5150-PF YOUNG NIMROD 11P (D,F,S) (G Wragg) Mrs D Grissell 11-11-10 Mr G Wragg (7) 70

BETTING: 4-6 Lucky Dollar, 4-1 Abbotsham, 5-1 Archies Oats, 12-1 Young Nimrod, 14-1 Chappucci

1997: MR BOSTON 12-12-1 Mr S Swiers (13-8 jt-fav) Mrs M Reveley 6 ran

FORM FOCUS: Lucky Dollar 6¼l 4th to Act The Wag in handicap chase at Sedgefield (3m 4f, good to firm), previously beat No Joker 2l in chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, good to firm) with Archies Oats (3lb better off) 22l 5th. Abbotsham pulled up in hunter chase at Stratford (3m 4f, good to firm); previously 19l 5th of 9 to Dromin Leader in hunter chase at Fakenham (3m 110yd, good). Chappucci beaten a distance 5th to Herbert Lodge in novice chase at Huntingdon (2m 4f, good)

LUCKY DOLLAR is different class to these and should oblige

4.30 SPRING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,048: 2m 6f) (14 runners)

601 1-21223 DECYBORG 55 (F,G) (T Neill) M Pipe 7-12-0 A P McCoy 80
602 05-11 BRIGHT FLAME 20 (D,S) (M Finlo) Miss S Edwards 6-11-11 D Burrows (5) 80
603 02000/4 ROARING SPRING 34 (Lady Lloyd Webber) N Henderson 8-11-2 M A Fitzgerald 70
604 /0P-011 MR BOJANGLES 78 (G) (Mrs D Louisada) I Williams 7-11-0 R Dunwoody 90
605 00201-3 LOCH NA KEAL 24 (F) (S Kimber) C Morlock 6-10-13 C Llewellyn 102
606 2-00512 ROYAL ARCTIC 21 (V,G,S) (T Syder) S Mellor 8-10-12 C Webb (3) 105
607 715-25F HIGHLAND JACK 38 (G) (R Gibbons & B Cardall) A Turnell 8-10-8 A Dobbin 98
608 21-4438 KINNAHALLA 33 (G,S) (R Spencer) G Balding 6-10-3 B Fenton 113
609 0414P0 KINGSDOWN TRIX 21 (S) (Penhill Partnership) R Smith 4-10-0 Mr S Durack (5) 100
610 0-32006 CALVARO 24 (B Naylor) J Gifford 7-10-0 W Greatrex (7) 95
611 50-0360 DANZANTE 40 (V,F) (D Hallums) R Stronge 6-10-0 R Thornton 80
612 RPP-354 QUEEN OF THE SUIR 76 (R Scargill) N Mitchell 9-10-0 Sophie Mitchell (3) 71
613 0580-00 THE BIZZO 13 (J Parvert) J Parvert 7-10-0 J Goldstein (7) 80
614 0/40P-F MISTER GENEROSITY 91 (Mrs J Jeyes) C Weedon 7-10-0 M Richards –

Long handicap: Kingsdown Trix 9-12, Calvaro 9-12, Danzante 9-6, Queen Of The Suir 9-0, The Bizzo 8-5, Mister Generosity 8-1

BETTING: 11-4 Roaring Spring, 7-2 Mr Bojangles, 6-1 Bright Flame, Royal Arctic, 7-1 Decyborg, 10-1 others

1997: LOUGH TULLY 7-10-3 J Osborne (6-1) F Jordan 11 ran

FORM FOCUS: Decyborg beaten a distance 3rd of 6 to Haile Derring in handicap hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, soft). Bright Flame beat Be My Mot short head in 14-runner novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 6f 110yd, good to soft). Roaring Spring 26l 4th of 14 to Istoll in novice hurdle at Kempton (3m, soft). Mr Bojangles beat Brespay 4l in 9-runner novice hurdle at Southwell (2m 4f 110yd, good). Loch Na Keal 28l 3rd of 10 to Montroe in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m 4f, good). Royal Arctic 2½l 2nd of 15 to Kit Smartie in handicap hurdle at Huntingdon (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft). Kinnahalla 31l 6th of 23 to Good Lord Murphy in maiden hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). Kingsdown Trix 26l 8th of 21 to Walter's Destiny in handicap hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good). Danzante 24l 7th of 15 to Bold Classic in novice handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, soft). Queen Of The Suir 5¾l 4th of 9 to It's Wallace in novice handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, soft)

MR BOJANGLES is on the upgrade and has enjoyed a break since his latest win

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
A Turnell	6	17	35.3	Mr J Trice-Rolph	3	11	27.3
D Nicholson	20	84	23.8	R Dunwoody	24	105	22.9
J King	7	34	20.6	A Maguire	15	74	20.3
Miss H Knight	7	36	19.4	A P McCoy	15	77	19.5
M Pipe	8	57	14.0	A Thornton	3	23	13.0
N Henderson	10	82	12.2	C Llewellyn	6	49	12.2

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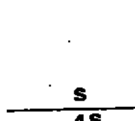
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SPECIALISTS

LINGFIELD PARK: Trainers: D Loder, 21 winners from 53 runners, 39.6%; Lord Huntingdon, 40 from 208, 19.2%; P Haslam, 20 from 108, 18.5%; M Johnston, 51 from 285, 17.9%. Jockeys: R Studholme, 7 winners from 27 rides, 25.9%; K Fallon, 15 from 63, 23.8%; P Dobbs, 5 from 23, 21.7%; D Holland, 45 from 207, 21.7%.

TAUNTON: Trainers: O Sherwood, 6 winners from 26 runners, 23.1%; M Pipe, 39 from 194, 20.1%; P Nicholls, 8 from 78, 10.3%; R Hodges, 14 from 138, 10.1%. Jockeys: J Tizzard, 4 winners from 16 rides, 25.0%; I Lawrence, 3 from 15, 20.0%; G Tormey, 10 from 52, 19.2%; R Johnson, 3 from 20, 15.0%.



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, Bridge Correspondent

Peter Crouch and Steve Lodge are one of the top English partnerships. This hand sees them at work in the Tollemache, the inter-county teams of eight tournament.

Dealer South — Love all — IMPs

North: ♠K54 ♥AQ7 ♦AJ104 ♣KQ2

West: ♠7 ♥842 ♦Q952 ♣A10763

East: ♠A6 ♥K109653 ♦6 ♣9854

South: ♠QJ109832 ♥J ♦K873 ♣J

S	W	N	E
4S	Pass	4NT	Pass
5C	Pass	5S	All Pass

Contract: Five Spades by South. Lead: two of diamonds

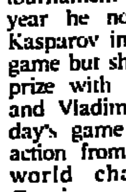
Crouch's aggressive Four Spade opening propelled him to an unsafe level. How should he play after the lead of the two of diamonds?

The first thing to decide is which opponent, if either, holds a singleton diamond. Crouch played the jack of diamonds from the dummy: when East followed with the six that marked West with the queen of diamonds, as East would surely have played it had he held it — his partner could easily have led from the king.

Unfortunately this play left declarer in dummy. He would have rather been in hand to play the jack of hearts, hoping to tempt West to cover if he held the king. But Crouch spotted another chance. At trick two he cashed the ace of hearts and then led the queen. East covered with the king so Crouch discarded his losing club. The defenders no longer had the communications to take their diamond ruff.

What would declarer have done had East not covered the queen of hearts? Surely he would have ruffed and played a trump. Discarding his club risks going down when West has the king of hearts and East both black-suit aces. In fact, East should have known this. If declarer had needed a second heart trick he would have arranged to take a normal finesse. Best defence, though difficult to find, is to play low smoothly on the queen of hearts.

□ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.



KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Dark horse

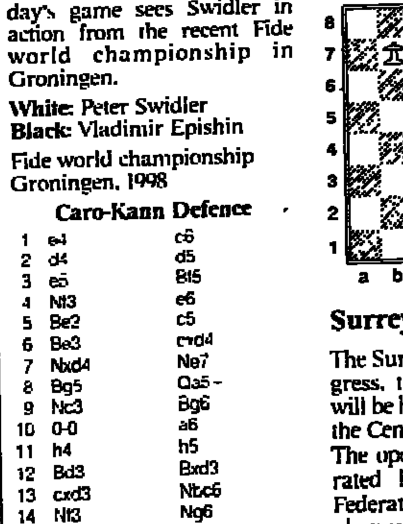
On paper, Peter Swidler, the Russian champion, should be the weak link in the strong Linares tournament which starts next week. Swidler lacks the elite international experience of the other contenders. Nevertheless, he has advanced into the top ten world-ranked players and at the tournament in Tilburg last year he not only defeated Kasparov in their individual game but shared overall first prize with Garry Kasparov and Vladimir Kramnik. Today's game sees Swidler in action from the recent Fide world championship in Groningen.

White: Peter Swidler
Black: Vladimir Epishin
Fide world championship
Groningen, 1998

Caro-Kann Defence

	White	Black
1	e4	c6
2	d4	d5
3	e5	Bf5
4	Nf3	e6
5	Be2	c5
6	Be3	cxd4
7	Nxd4	Ne7
8	Bg5	Qa5+
9	Nc3	Bg6
10	0-0	a6
11	h4	h5
12	Bd3	Bxd3
13	cxd3	Nbc6
14	Nf3	Ng6
15	d4	Be7
16	Bxe7	Ngxe7
17	a3	Nf5
18	g3	Qb6
19	Na4	Qa7
20	Nc5	Nfxd4
21	Rc1	Nxf3+
22	Qxf3	Ne7
23	Rc3	Rc8
24	Rfc1	Rc6
25	b4	Qb6
26	Qf4	Qc7
27	a4	Ng6
28	Qd2	Qxe5
29	b5	axb5
30	axb5	Rb6
31	Nd3	Qd6
32	Rc8+	Kd7
33	R1c7+	Qxc7
34	Rxc7+	Kxc7
35	Qc3+	Kd7
36	Nc5+	Kd6
37	Nxb7+	Kd7
38	Qc5	Rxb7
39	Qc6+	Ke7
40	Qxb7+	Kf6
41	b6	d4
42	Qc7	d3
43	Kf1	Ne5
44	b7	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



Surrey congress

The Surrey Easter Chess Congress, the 24th in the series, will be held from April 10-13 at the Central Library in Sutton. The open tournament will be rated by the World Chess Federation and the top two players will qualify for the British Championship later in the year. For entries and details ring 0181-647 0063.

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

JILDI
a. Gelatine milk pudding
b. A term of insult
c. To be in a hurry

MAASTRICHTIAN
a. A division of government
b. A division of the Upper Cretaceous
c. A Dutch nationalist movement

KNEESY
a. Phobia of kneecaps
b. To be short tempered
c. Amorous play with the knees

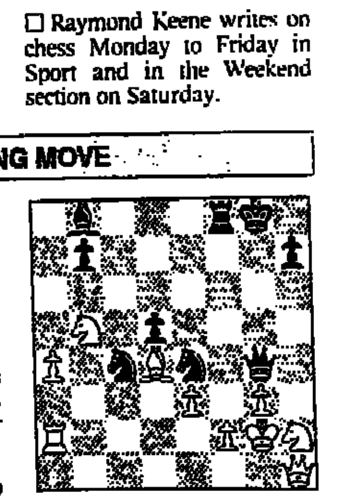
LIGER
a. Lion and tigress offspring
b. A lazy employee
c. Black market racketeer

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Van Wely — Polgar, Holland 1997. Judit Polgar is the strongest woman player the world has ever seen. She consistently holds her own in tournaments featuring the world's best players. How did she finish off her opponent in this position?



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FOOTBALL

Big three leave rivals trailing in promotion race

BY MATT DICKINSON

THERE are those who talk regularly and rationally of a league within the FA Carling Premiership, where a wealthy few fight for the spoils while the impoverished rest are simply happy to survive. The same might soon be said of the Nationwide League first division.

Thumping victories for Nottingham Forest and Sunderland on Tuesday night cemented their positions alongside Middlesbrough at the top of the table and it is becoming increasingly unlikely that anyone will interrupt their race for the two automatic promotion spots.

Of course, all three were relegated from the FA Carling Premiership last season and the trend for clubs to yo-yo between the top two divisions shows no sign of abating. It is a predictable sequence aided by the leagues themselves, who continue to award relegated clubs a year's share of the Premiership's lucrative Sky television deal in the season after their drop to the first division.

It is depressing news for, among others, Alan Curbishley, the Charlton Athletic manager, whose team continues to stay in the play-off places, despite picking up only three points in its past four league games. While Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, has been able to reinforce his squad with two strikers in a week, signing Alun Armstrong from Stockport County for £1.6 million and Marco Branca from Internazionale for £1.5 million, Curbishley is hoping that the Charlton directors might sanction any kind of deal, with £1 million likely to be as much as he can spend.

After losing Carl Leaburn, the centre forward, to Wimbledon, his lively but lightweight side need a new attacking option if their unlikely promotion bid is not to falter through lack of goals. Too much rests on the fitness of Clive Mendonca, the top scorer with 16 goals so far this season, but whose absence for four games recently corresponded with Charlton's barren spell.



Curbishley: optimistic

Yet the 1-1 draw at home to Queens Park Rangers on Tuesday night was the club's fourth sell-out crowd in succession and Curbishley is entitled to feel that, with 15,000 people regularly paying through the turnstiles, his club has Premiership potential.

"Overall, I thought the team played well and we are still in there," he said. "There is a good atmosphere about the place, an undercurrent that things are happening and it is not just to do with our league position. There is no reason why we can't be right up there at the death."

Forest's 3-0 victory over Huddersfield Town on Tuesday came courtesy of an excellent display by Pierre van Hooijdonk, who took his tally of league goals this season to 21. Sunderland were even more emphatic winners, thrashing Reading 4-1, Kevin Phillips scoring twice in front of 40,579 spectators. Sunderland lie four points behind Middlesbrough with a game in hand and travel to the Riverside Stadium on Sunday.

Not only Charlton will look at such success with envious eyes. Portsmouth, too, have reason to be jealous, not least because their problems appear to be piling up on all fronts. Relegation is a real danger, for beating Stockport County on Tuesday has not lifted them off the foot of the table, while the club announced yesterday that it is deep financial trouble.

Portsmouth lost £2.14 million in the last completed financial year and is running up fresh losses of £175,000 each month. Portsmouth must attract crowds of 18,000 for home matches just to break even, but the average gate at Fratton Park is around 8,500. Cash from the sale of Lee Bradbury to Manchester City for £3.5 million and Deon Burton to Derby County for £1.5 million has not been included in the current accounts, but projected losses of around £1 million for player signing-on fees are also not included.

Plans for a new £75 million stadium for Swansea City were unveiled yesterday. Silver Shield Group, the club's parent company, said the 25,000 all-seat stadium project at Morfa, one mile outside the city centre, would create 750 new jobs and include leisure facilities such as a cinema. It would replace the club's existing stadium, Vetch Field.



Henman, who admits he is lacking confidence, returns a forehand against Norman on the way to his fourth consecutive first-round defeat

Rusedski digs in as Henman fails again

BY ALIX RAMSAY

THE image of British tennis may have come a long way in the past couple of years, but when it comes down to the nitty-gritty, success depends on hard graft and the ability to take what few opportunities come your way. Yesterday, at the European Community championship in Antwerp, Greg Rusedski managed to do just that while Tim Henman, depressingly, did not.

Rusedski fought his way into the second round with a tricky, three-set win over Hicham Arazi, of Morocco. Arazi, at 5ft 9in, is not the most powerful of players on the circuit but he is a counter-puncher with the happy knack of producing winning shots from the most desperate of situations. Left-handed like Rusedski, he is no one's idea of an easy first-round opponent.

On a reasonably slow hardcourt surface, Rusedski found himself in rather too many baseline rallies for his liking and although he managed to serve 18 aces during the match, he could not find a way past Arazi until the first-set tiebreak. But with that under his belt, he let Arazi gain the upper hand in the second set before digging in for a scrap in the third to win 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

Arazi said: "It often happens that I have quite a few opportunities and then the same thing always happens — I lose my concentration." Asked what he could do about it, he said: "Hospital perhaps, or psychiatry. I don't know, I'll have to ask my coach."

All in all it was not a bad day's work for Rusedski, who knows that his ranking can only improve from No 9 in the world over the coming months. This time last year he was recovering from a wrist injury and so has no ranking points to defend until the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's Club in June. "Hicham is a dangerous and talented player, but I served well when it counted and played the big points well in the third set," he said. "I kept fighting and I stayed in it."

If only Henman could claim the same. Seeded eighth but coming to the tournament with three first-round losses behind him, Henman was overpowered by Magnus Norman, of Sweden. The two men last met in September in Basle where Henman won with ease and some style. This time Henman was out of his depth as Norman went through 7-5, 6-3.

Having struggled to level terms from an early break of service in the opening set, Henman was back in trouble in the twelfth game and facing two set points. He saved the first with a high backhand smash but missed the mark on the next sending an overhead long.

He was broken again in the sixth game of the second set thanks to a volleying error and from there it was not long before Henman was packing his bags for the return trip to London and the Guardian Direct Cup in Battersea next week.

The worrying factor in Henman's recent slump — and this loss means he will drop out of the top 20 — is that he can identify where he went wrong but cannot work out why it happened.

Coming back from 5-2 down in the first set should have been the turning point in the match. "But I didn't take my opportunities," he said. "I was back to level but he was able to come up with a big serve or a cheap point whenever he was in a spot of bother. Losing is not great for the confidence but I must keep serving and volleying. I cannot become a defensive player. If I don't go for my shots, I won't get anywhere.

"I'm not the first player to struggle with confidence and I won't be the last. There is nothing you can do about it. If I can keep working at my game I know I'll come out the other side and the wins will come."

Graf seals happy return with victory



Steffi Graf (left) yesterday registered her first singles victory since her return from injury by beating fellow German, Andrea Glass, 6-4, 6-2 in the second round of the indoor tournament in Hanover. The second seed, who had not played since having a knee operation after the French Open last year, made light of her opponent, who is ranked No 102, to cruise into the last eight following her first-round bye. "I definitely feel that I can get back to my best," said a relieved Graf. I'm able to push my left knee to the limit and I know I can play better." Graf, 28, won on her return to the competitive arena on Monday in the doubles, partnering Barbara Rittner.

Brace of Fergusons do job for Rangers

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ON TUESDAY night at Ibrox, two Fergusons, less celebrated than their namesakes managing Manchester United and leading Everton, came to the fore in Rangers' 3-0 defeat of Motherwell in the Tennents Scottish Cup fourth-round replay.

Ian, 30, was the grafter in midfield, winning the ball for the exotic names up front to play with; Barry, 19, was the creator, threading passes with delicate skill, allowing Jörg Albertz (twice) and Gordon Durie to score the goals that sent Rangers into a quarter-final meeting with Dundee next month.

Neither Ferguson had been in the Rangers starting line-up for the 2-2 draw at Fir Park in the original tie last Saturday, when Motherwell were minutes away from making Walter Smith's final season as manager a cup-less one. But Smith dropped Gattuso and Gascoigne and restructured his midfield, with positive results.

Of the two Fergusons — who are not related to each other — Ian is the old stager, having been at Ibrox for a decade after joining from St Mirren in February 1988. Barry, who will be 20 next month, is something of a rarity given the predominance of overseas players flooding into Ibrox of late, a product of the Rangers youth team.

Smith was pleased with the performance of his team after the disappointing display at Fir Park. "I felt we played well from start to finish last night, and it was our best performance for several weeks," Smith said.

"The two Fergusons did very well. I asked a bit more from my midfield, and it was a good response from them. Having said that, I don't think either of the Fergusons had anything to prove to me.

"They have both shown me what they can do in the past, with Ian an established name here who has suffered with injuries, while Barry has just come in. It is always difficult to do that and stay in, but he has shown tremendous ability and offers real hope for the future."

SQUASH

British Open wins backing from Corby

BY COLIN MCQUILLAN

MIKE CORBY, who captained England and Great Britain at squash and hockey between 1964 and 1972, is putting his Mike Corby Group behind the 1998 British Open squash championships in association with Hi-Tec Sports. Under the new arrangement, the championships will be staged in two cities for the first time.

After early rounds from March 25 to 30 at Lambs Club, London, the British Open action from the rounds of the last 16 are to be staged on the transparent Perspex showcourt at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham from April 1 to 5.

Corby captained England and Great Britain at squash from 1967 to 1971 and at hockey from 1964, competing in the Olympic Games of 1964 and 1972. A vice-president of the Squash Rackets Association (SRA), he was recently elected a vice-president of the World Squash Federation and appointed to a newly-created role as director of Olympic affairs.

For the past three years, the British Open has been attracting crowds of 2,000 to 3,000 to Cardiff under the sponsorship of Leekes department store, carrying a prize fund of $100,000 (about £62,000) and an overall budget in excess of £250,000. The previous decade was spent at Wembley, first under Davies and Tate sponsorship and then Hi-Tec.

The British Open championship was last staged in Birmingham in 1971, when Jonah Barrington, now the SRA president, and Corby's greatest foe in their amateur days, defeated Aftab Jawaid, of Pakistan, on the Edgbaston Priory courts to take the fourth of his six titles.

In present league play, Birmingham is no longer quite so prominent. A 3-2 home win this week by Duffield over Potters Bar, put the Derbyshire side within a point of winning the top A Group place in the semi-finals. With Potters Bar already certain of qualification, Birmingham's Priory squad, even with a match in hand, seem certain to miss the cut in third place.

In Group B, Broxbourne continued undefeated with a 3-2 win over Bishop's Stortford, which leaves the second qualifying place for the semi-finals hanging on a result between Bishop's Stortford and Chichester on March 3.

In the National Super League, ICL LionHerts, took only their second win of the season — 2-1 over the league leaders, Maesteg — with Simon Parke, the British champion, and Chris Walker beating the two top Welshmen, Alex Gough and David Evans, but Del Harris going down to the former British champion, Mark Cairns.

SNOOKER: UNHAPPY WHITE STRUGGLES THROUGH TO LAST 16 OF SCOTTISH OPEN

Hunter keeps Parrott firmly in cage

BY PHIL YATES

PAUL HUNTER, bolstered by an unshakeable self-belief after making a significant career breakthrough last month, comfortably accounted for one of the game's most consistently successful players to reach the last 16 of the Regal Scottish Open in Aberdeen yesterday.

Hunter, 19, continued to provide compelling evidence that his triumph in the recent Welsh Open in Newport was not the result of an isolated purple patch when he defeated John Parrott, the 1991 world and United Kingdom champion, 5-0.

"Paul's on a roll at the moment and he's obviously playing exceptionally well," Parrott said. "He very rarely missed out there and when he did make the odd mistake I couldn't punish them. You can't help but be impressed by what he's achieved."



Parrott: whitewashed

Hunter, who has improved from No 43 to No 18 in the world rankings this season, moved 2-0 ahead with runs of 56 and 61 before winning a tactical battle in the third frame.

A blue ball success ensured that Hunter extended his advantage to 4-0 and, with his rhythm uninterrupted by the 20-minute mid-session interval, he constructed a break of 74 to complete the rout. Hunter now meets Stephen Lee, the No 16 seed.

Having negotiated two qualifying rounds in the world championship, won seven matches at the Welsh Open and survived three rounds here in Aberdeen, Hunter has won 12 consecutive matches.

"I've got to have a chance to capture the title again but there's no way I'm going to get ahead of myself. What happened at Newport helped me in terms of experience and I couldn't be happier with my game," Hunter said.

Jimmy White, desperate for all the ranking points that he can muster in a quest to reclaim top-16 status, also advanced by edging out Drew Henry 5-4, but in doing so was anything but convincing.

As in the previous round against Graeme Dott, White had to endure a deciding ninth frame. Clearly ill at ease, he missed three straightforward pots in the early stages, but when Henry jawed an easy yellow, White fashioned a break of 56.

John Higgins, the world No 2, and Ken Doherty, the world champion, wasted little time in overwhelming low-ranked opposition. Higgins required a mere 76 minutes to beat Stuart Pettman 5-0; Doherty was even more fluent with breaks of 101, 94 and 80 in a 5-0 win over Gerard Greene.

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BADMINTON: MILES MAKES WINNING DEBUT IN DOUBLE TRIUMPH IN NORWAY

England make most of lottery funding

FROM RICHARD EATON

ELLA MILES, 21, made a winning debut as England's men and women both won for the second time in the European zone of the Thomas and Uber Cups here in Sandefjord, Norway yesterday. As such, she provided just the latest example of how money from the National Lottery, which is allowing leading players to take up the sport on a full-time basis, is transforming badminton.

A few months ago, Miles was finishing A levels at South Cheshire College. In September, she left home. Now, she is a full-time player helping her country to within sight of the world's team finals.

Rebecca Pantaney, who had been a lifeguard at a Cheltenham recreation centre until recently, made her international debut only a day before Miles. Lottery money has also been responsible for the return, six years after last playing for England, of Sara Sankey, who partnered Miles 14-18, 15-7, 15-7 success over Kinga Rudolf and Dorota Grzejdak as England beat Poland 5-0.

Nevertheless, the highlight of the women's victory in the Uber Cup yesterday was a recovery by Julia Mann, the national champion, from a game and 6-8 down to beat Katarzyna Krakowska, the European championship quarter-finalist, 7-11, 11-8, 11-4.

In the Thomas Cup, the England men beat Switzerland 5-0, with Darren Hall overwhelming Thomas Wapp in the No 1 spot 15-3, 15-2. Their first real test may come against Germany today. The women will have to beware of a determined Scotland, who beat Wales 4-1. The winners of each will win their stage two groups and then require only one more success from two matches to qualify for the finals of the respective competitions.

SAILING

Easterly course gives Frostad the edge

BY EDWARD GORMAN, SAILING CORRESPONDENT

KNUT FROSTAD'S *Innovation Kvaerner* yesterday moved up to second position in the fifth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race, a remarkable recovery after her woeful start to the leg which saw her rooted in seventh place for days, more than 100 miles behind the leaders.

Marcel van Triest, the Kvaerner navigator, has chosen the most easterly course of the four boats fighting it out for second place behind the runaway leader, *EF Language*, skippered by Paul Cayard. Yesterday the Norwegian yacht was just 30 miles west of the Falkland Islands and 18 miles east of third-placed *Swedish Match* over which she had an advantage in terms of distance to the finish at São Sebastiao of eight miles.

Kvaerner was making 5.4 knots compared with 4.8 for Gunnar Krantz's *Swedish Match*. So close has the battle been since the quartet were becalmed just west of Cape Horn at the weekend, that this could yet be enough for Frostad to get away. A further eight miles behind Krantz, *Merit Cup*, skippered by Grant Dalton and *Toshiba*, skippered by Paul Standbridge, of Great Britain, were neck-and-neck.

Dalton reported that his tired crew had endured another frustrating night when his yellow and white-hulled Whitbread 60 was totally becalmed for hours on end. "The temperature is still cold, basically because our progress north is so slow," Dalton wrote. "As I look at the speedo it is reading a miserable five knots. What a contrast to a week ago when it seldom read much under 20 knots — we disliked that but we dislike this just as much. I sense frustration within the team."

EF Language, meanwhile, is continuing to stretch her lead and is sailing in an entirely separate weather system to the boats chasing her. Yesterday *EF Language* was making 11.1 knots and benefiting from two knots of favourable current in the north-flowing Falkand Current. She was an impressive 473 miles ahead of *Kvaerner*. However, Mark Rudiger, the navigator, said the crew was leaving nothing to chance.

"Now we know that with more than a 400-mile lead, the hundreds of little unknowns are just lurking," Rudiger wrote.

"We have to be extra cautious about every decision and manoeuvre and go over the rig and steering with a fine tooth comb. Paul [Cayard] and I have been scrutinising this fickle weather ahead looking for any sign of potholes — 1,500 miles is still a long way and plenty can happen."

Cricket finds the answers to questions of sex

Dedicated and traditional lovers of English cricket tend to treat tales of the unexpected like bouncers flying off a rogue West Indian pitch. So perhaps they should be keeping their heads down in these bumpy and excitement-filled days.

First of all they have been sent reeling by the sheer novelty of an England victory in the Trinidad Test and the unthinkable prospect that England might beat West Indies in a Caribbean Test series for the first time in 30 years.

As if this were not enough, there are other, perhaps even greater, turmoils shaking the calm world of warm beer and *Wisden*.

Next Tuesday will see an historic special meeting of MCC at Lord's, where there will be a vote on the committee's recommendation that women, at last, become eligible as members of the most famous club in the world.

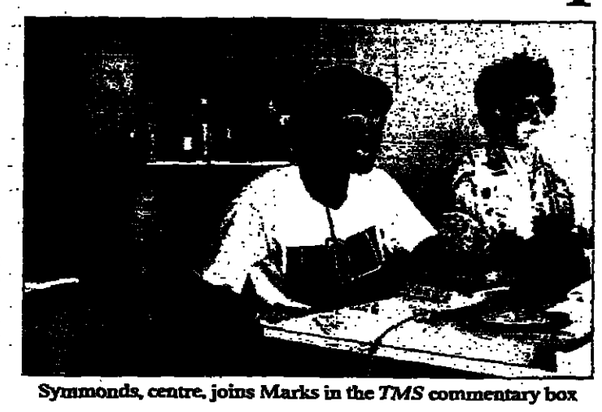
When the Marylebone Cricket Club was founded in 1787, the election of female members was not even countenanced by men, who had seen their sport develop around male environments ranging from public schools to public houses. The rules did not explicitly exclude women, other than banning them from the pavilion, but the regulations were drawn up on the assumption that it was a gentlemen's club.



Although the club voted against making women eligible for membership in 1991, it looks likely that members who vote on Tuesday will overturn the constitution (they need a two-thirds majority to do so) and open the way for the sight and sound of ladies in the Long Room.

And, as if to soften up the most traditional diehards of cricket's followers, the sound has been changed, too, in that most evocative of all cricket's radio outlets — the BBC's *Test Match Special*.

For, when it comes to the sound of a female voice invading the all-male shrines of cricket, *Test Match Special* has quietly beaten the Long Room to it. With no hype and few fanfares, Donna Symmonds, a black lawyer from Barbados in her mid-30s, made her debut last Friday as the first woman to commentate on an England Test for *Test Match Special*.



Symmonds, centre, joins Marks in the *TMS* commentary box

Those who heard her were impressed and delighted, both by her lilting delivery and by her knowledge of the game. Her broadcasting began by accident. Symmonds was taking part in an island tennis competition when the radio commentator fell ill. She stepped in and, before long, she had moved on to cover local cricket matches. She has been broadcasting on home West Indies Test matches since 1988.

Vic Marks, the former England spinner, said: "Her cricketing knowledge shines through in her commentary. She has instant recall of matches past — more impressively, she understands details of the game."

Her colleagues marked her maiden broadcast with them by presenting her with a *Test Match Special* tie. Symmonds said that, while she appreciated the gesture, perhaps a scarf would have been more useful.

Her debut on such an instituition is certainly groundbreaking. Traditionally, any female voice in the commentary box, on radio or television, was limited to former players giving an expert's analysis. As in most print journalism, women were only trotted out to cover women's sports.

From the end of the 1970s there was quite a change, with the emergence of professsional women sports jounalists and the appearance of women such as Helen Rollason and Sue Barker taking on traditionally male roles in broadcasting.

Sue Barker is a fine example of a former player who has become first a broadcasting expert on her own game, and then an all-round sports commentator. Her career took her from tennis to Torvill and Dean's ice dancing, and then on to an anchor role on *Grandstand* covering the Olympic Games in Atlanta.

The achievements in the commentary box of women such as Barker and Symmonds are another victory in the war to win an equal role in sport that women have waged throughout the 20th century.

Baron de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympic Games just over a century ago, decreed: "Women in sport have but one task: that of the role of crowning the victor with garlands." His prejudices were such that it took decades for elite women athletes to elbow their way into the Olympics.

Even those women who practised gentler sport for fun and recreation fared little better. When Princess Maud, daughter of Queen Victoria, took up the infant sport of cycling (the aerobics of its day), her mother had lead weights sewn into the hem of her skirts to keep them down as she pedalled.

Since then, of course, women have broken through on every track, field, pitch and arena where sport is played. With even *Test Match Special* opening its airwaves to women, it will be a scandal if MCC votes against them on Tuesday.

Much has changed, even since 1991. At that time one woman journalist, a cricket enthusiast working for a sports desk, described meeting Lt-Col John Stephenson, then secretary of MCC, at a cricketing lunch. In a manner underpinned by two centuries of club tradition, he opened a conversation with her with the question: "Are you something to do with the catering?"

JOHN BRYANT

CRICKET

Lloyd reaps reward as England pass test

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

SUDDENLY, the words England and cricket can be mentioned together without fear of embarrassment. In short order, the national under-19 side has won its World Cup, the A team has conjured two remarkable victories to take a series in Sri Lanka and the senior team has begun to turn heads at both one-day and Test match level.

The significance of this would have been lost if an extraordinary fortnight of Test cricket in Port of Spain had not ended as it did. England's three-wicket win on Tuesday was the single most important result achieved under Michael Atherton's captaincy and there is genuine cause to believe that he will now be able to stand down with his ambition of winning in the Caribbean fulfilled.

David Lloyd, the coach, was justifiably exultant yesterday. "In the first Trinidad game we failed to perform in some key areas. In this game, we got it right," he said. "The team played as a unit against the best there is, and they won. They're English and we should shout it from the rooftops." For the nerves of everyone involved, it might be preferable if the three remaining games were a shade more sedate, but this seems unlikely. England and West Indies are limited but well-matched teams playing on generally poor pitches.

Back in England yesterday, David Graveney, the chairman of selectors, reviewed his emotions. Relieved? Euphoric? Vindicated? "Well, exhausted actually," he said. "I've worn out the carpet, pacing around the floor while I watched TV. I don't know what has happened to those Tests we used to have when one team always seemed to be 300 for two."

They seldom arise nowadays and there is no forecast of them here. In Guyana, where England arrived last night, the Test pitch has had its topsoil relayed and locals believe it will assist fast bowling. Barbados pitches have deteriorated sharply and Antigua are still unsure if they will have a ground prepared at all.

Brian Lara maintains his view that runs will be in short supply throughout the series. "The team that bats best will win," the West Indies captain said. Atherton, previously concerned that low-scoring games would be in West Indies' favour, is now sanguine. "We want games that produce a result," he said. So we can expect more of the same.

Whether the personnel will be the same remains to be seen, although Lara and his colleagues have little room to manoeuvre. Worthy claims are thin on the ground and fast bowling remains the gospel. However, the fact that the superb, enduring Courtney Walsh and Curtly Ambrose shared 71 of the 108 overs in England's second innings this week tells its own story. "They are wonderful bowlers, the best pair around, but there is a reliance on them now," Lloyd said. "There seems to be a reluctance to throw the ball to anyone else."

England have had a similar experience, as recently as last week, when the ineptitude of Andy Caddick and Dean Headley conceded the second Test and set off the chain of events responsible for the victory being celebrated yesterday. Lloyd was at the heart of it, with two unconventional decisions of which he is rightly proud.

With only three days between Tests, he insisted his beaten players rested for two of them. Then, while they did so, he publicly criticised Caddick and Headley and awaited their response. "The criticism was measured and deliberate," he said. "I have never been moved to do it so specifically before, but I stirred it up for all the right reasons."

After a team meeting last Wednesday evening, in which Lloyd emphasised the importance of shared responsibility, England stood firm, exemplified by the man who saw them home. Mark Butcher went from eleventh-hour recruit to last-ditch hero, rising to every challenge.

"At lunchtime on the last day, seven runs wanted and Mark there with the tail, I found him in the toilet, smoking a fag with his pads on," Lloyd said. "He told me to leave him, said he was all right, that he was coping." And he did so, in a manner that says as much about Lloyd and Atherton's team-building as it does about Butcher himself.

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The groundsman's art appears to be in decline in the Caribbean, as Nasser Hussain discovered to his cost in the third Test at Port of Spain

Time to examine West Indian mettle

John Woodcock is hoping for a better pitch and similar excitement, with perhaps just a dash more panache

The third Test match between England and West Indies in Port of Spain has been one of the slowest, most protracted, most attritional and tortuous ever played. It was also, in its way, hypnotic, and, from England's point of view, wonderfully regenerative. To win by making the highest score of the match against two such formidable opponents as Curtly Ambrose and Courtney Walsh was a considerable achievement, however laboured.

Had England lost, their chances of getting back into the series would have been terribly slender. They did it after being two Tests down with three to play here in 1953-54, but they had some unquestionably great cricketers in those days.

There has been much recent talk anyway among old-timers of how much more inventive, adventurous, assertive and resourceful the batsmen of that side — Len Hutton, Peter May, Denis Compton, Tom Graveney and Willie Watson — would have been than the present lot; but England were more accustomed to winning then than they are now, and, to be fair, this last pitch was not the one to reward panache any more than Ambrose and Walsh are the bowlers to encourage it.

When England went in after tea on Sunday needing 225 to win, I gave them very little chance. But happily, and surprisingly, the bounce became more even, there being noticeably fewer grubbers on the last two days than the first three, and no praise is too high for the opening partnership of 129 between Atherton and Stewart.

England must still have had the bitter disappointment of their rather wanton defeat in the previous Test match nagging at them when Atherton and Stewart went out. They had lost confidence in the umpires, not without reason (though they were to have cause to bless them by the end of the match); the last two wickets in West Indies' second innings had added 51 precious runs; England had just spent four long, very hot hours in the field; Atherton had been out of form with the bat and Ambrose and Walsh had never been on anything other than a winning side at Port of Spain. It is with a much lighter step that England have moved on to Georgetown.

On the recent evidence, groundsmanship in the Caribbean is a seriously neglected art, and that can only be damaging to the game here. One of the joys of coming to the West Indies used to be the certainty of seeing great batsmen playing great innings, but there is no way in which the three Ws — Clyde Walcott, Everton Weekes and Frank Worrell — or George Headley, Gary Sobers or countless others would have become the irresistible strokemakers they were had the ball flown around their ears as it did on the minefield in Jamaica and in the first of the two Test matches in Trinidad, or shot along the ground. In such conditions, it is barely possible to bat attractively and not always necessary to bowl well.

There is a trend towards charging former players with making the pitches rather than the specialists that one would have thought essential to the job. In this last match, it was possible to count the really good attacking strokes on the fingers of two hands.

To some extent, the basis of this was psychological. The last Test match I watched here, between West Indies and Pakistan, finished early on the third day with 17 batsmen having been out leg-before to shooters that moved sideways. The batsmen batted and the bowlers bowled expecting everything to keep low again this time: the former were constantly wary and the latter aimed simply to bowl straight and at a spot just short of a length.

England's batsmen soon realised how vital it was to play forward, but that is not so easily done against two bowlers who have spent these many years threatening not the batsmen's knees and ankles but their ribs. Thanks to Atherton and Stewart and, at the last, to the undaunted Butcher, it worked out all right for England in the end — but I would hate to think that the three remaining Tests will be as unremittingly cagey.

Until West Indies had the best fast bowlers in the world, Test matches at Queen's Park Oval were invariably played on good pitches. "It surprised us as much as it must have surprised you," Brian Statham said when I asked him how he and Fred Trueman had just managed to reduce West Indies to 98 for eight — those three Ws and all — on a plum surface here in 1959-60, in reply to England's first-innings total of 382 (Barrington 121, M. J. K. Smith 108). It was the prelude to a riot among the crowd, which stopped play for the day.

The match just finished will be remembered not for such distinction in the cricket or disaster in the stands but for a crucial victory agonisingly achieved by an admirably resolute side, but one that it would be nice to see expressing itself less guardedly.

When the fourth Test starts on Friday of next week, the psychological initiative will be very much with England. Being the naturally volatile cricketers they are, the West Indians will be as vulnerable as they were buoyant a week ago. It is they who have let a great chance slip and, quite likely, the series with it. It is their turn now to have their mettle tested.

Flintoff and Giles resist in vain

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ENGLAND A slumped to a 142-run defeat in the opening unofficial one-day international against Sri Lanka A in Moratuwa yesterday.

Chasing a daunting target of 326 for six, England were dismissed for 184 in 35.2 overs, with only Andrew Flintoff scoring more than 50. The remaining two matches in the series are tomorrow and on Saturday.

Put into bat, Sri Lanka were given a fine start with a 101-run opening partnership, scored from 104 balls, between Chandika Hathurusinghe and Avishka Gunawardene. A 109-run third-wicket stand from 86 balls between Russel Arnold and Mahela Jayawardene propelled them further towards their impressive score.

Arnold was finally dismissed, having hit 87 from 75 balls, including a six and eight fours, and Upal Chandana scored an unbeaten 34 off 14 balls to help his team to 53 from their final five overs.

In reply, England were 30 for three within the opening eight overs but kept on course with an 87-run fourth-wicket partnership between Flintoff and Mark Ealham, the Kent all-rounder.

Flintoff made 51 from 54 balls before being caught in the deep off Chandana, who dismissed Ealham four overs later.

Ashley Giles was the only other batsman to make any impression, with 35 from 21 balls before Sri Lanka completed their comfortable victory.

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Reid takes dim view of floodlights

JOHANNESBURG (final day of five): South Africa drew with Pakistan

FROM IVO TENNANT IN JOHANNESBURG

JOHN REID, the match referee in this unexceptional first Test match between South Africa and Pakistan, is to recommend to the International Cricket Council (ICC) that floodlights are not helping the players to see the ball at this level of the game. His report will say that batsmen find short-pitched bowling dangerous in such circumstances.

The five pylons at The Wanderers were in use for the first time in Tests during this match because of bad light. "They [the players] are used to a white ball against black sightscreens in the one-day game and are unaccustomed to a red ball against a dull background," Reid said. "The low cloud cover during this match affected the colour and quality of the light.

"The umpires cannot use their meters in artificial light, so they have to be fair. Batsmen were hit on the head several times during this match. The trouble is that nobody fully understands floodlights." Although there was no rain yesterday, only 10.2 overs were possible.

The entire Test, which began a day late and finished somewhat farcically, was unsatisfactory. Indeed, Reid fined Pakistan 65 per cent of their match fee for falling nine overs short of the required rate. South Africa were docked 20 per cent for falling five overs short.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

Selection dispute leads to walkout

■ **BOWLS:** Teignbridge, Devon's strongest indoor club, will be without four key players, Danny Denison, John Evans, Griff Sanders and John Wickham, for the quarter-finals of the Denny Cup at Lawson Park, Kempston, next week (David Rhys Jones writes). In a dispute over selection, the club's four skips, who have all played for England, called for the resignation of Les Fisher, the team manager, who has sole responsibility for picking the cup side.

When the club committee supported the manager, the rebels, who accused Fisher of ignoring the claims of a number of Devon Liberty Trophy players, withdrew from the side. Fisher, 74, admits that some of his decisions have attracted criticism, but points to the fact that Teignbridge have won all rinks, home and away, this season. Pam Langworthy, the club president, said: "The four skips thought that they were bigger and better than the club, but we backed Mr Fisher who had, after all, got us through to the quarter-finals."

Simpson to help

■ **CRICKET:** Bobby Simpson, the former Australia captain and coach, yesterday confirmed that he has agreed to act as a part-time consultant to the India cricket team. India cricket officials earlier this month said that they wanted Simpson to help improve their "dismal" side and lead them to World Cup success next year. Simpson said: "I have taken over as the consultant of the Indian board to prepare the team for the 1999 World Cup in England."

Latimer double

■ **TENNIS:** Louise Latimer moved into the quarter-finals of the LTA women's challenger at Redbridge, Essex, yesterday with another outstanding victory. Latimer, 20, from Sutton Coldfield, defeated Kvetoslava Hrdlickova, of the Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3 in just 65 minutes to earn a second successive win over a higher world-ranked player. In her first-round match yesterday, Latimer, No 238 in the rankings, had beaten the seventh seed, Karin Kschwendt, of Austria, who is ranked 68 places above her.

Second chance

■ **BOXING:** Johnny Nelson, of Sheffield, has been given the chance to win back his European cruiserweight title. He was stripped of the belt after failing to meet Alexander Gurov, of Ukraine, in December. But Nelson, who found out that he had lost the title by reading about it on Teletext, is now to face Terry Dunstan, the new champion, before the middle of May.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers v Crystal Palace (2.0), Watford v Norwich (at Nonnwood FC, 3.0).

PONTIN'S LEAGUE: Premier division: Nottingham Forest v Stoke (7.0)

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Dundalk v UCD (7.45)

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Whitchurch v Cowes Sports (7.30)

RUGBY UNION

Club match

Pontypool v Neath (7.0).....

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Watford Royals v Crystal Palace (8.0)

ICE HOCKEY: Express Cup: Semi-finals, second leg: Ayr Scottish Eagles v Nottingham Panthers (7.30). Sheffield Steelers v Bracknell Bees (7.30)

SNOOKER: Scottish Open (in Aberdeen)

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort		Weather (5pm) °C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	40	80	good	varied	fair	sun	3	3/2
(Good skiing continues on the upper slopes; lower soft)								
AUSTRIA								
Soll	0	60	fair	varied	soft	sun	2	29/1
(Good skiing on most slopes in the morning)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	82	260	good	spring	fair	sun	4	20/1
(Mostly good skiing, just a little heavy in places)								
ITALY								
Livigno	55	140	fair	varied	worn	sun	12	20/1
(Spring-like skiing; very warm weather)								
SWITZERLAND								
Klosters	10	110	fair	varied	soft	fine	5	17/2
(Good piste skiing on upper and north-facing slopes)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper.

RUGBY UNION

Wales lose Evans for match with England

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE mood of optimism in Wales was dented yesterday when Ieuan Evans withdrew from the team that will play England at Twickenham on Saturday in the second round of Five Nations Championship matches. Evans, his country's most-capped player and leading try-scorer, has a damaged hamstring and will miss the meeting with England, as he did a year ago, in Cardiff.

Even so, Welsh confidence did not plummet too far, since the beneficiary is Nigel Walker, who will play on the left wing, with Gareth Thomas moving across to the right. Walker will make his seventeenth international appearance and, at 34, is playing as well as he has ever done since his belated return to rugby from international athletics. His display, in attack and defence, against New Zealand at Wembley last November was one of the highlights of a vivid match and his omission from the meeting with Italy earlier this month was a surprise.

Kevin Bowring, the Wales coach, admitted as much: "He now has the chance to make me eat my words," he said. "We have a combination of Nigel's finishing qualities and speed allied to Gareth's terrific defence and tremendous try-scoring ability." Walker, from Cardiff, has scored 12 tries in 16 matches, while Thomas, of Bridgend, has scored 12 in 24, an enviable strike-rate for a side that has struggled for consistency.

Evans, 33, took part in training yesterday, but was unhappy at the end of the session. He played three hard games in eight days last week, two for Bath and one for Wales, and may have suffered accordingly.

"If he played on Saturday, he could risk tearing the muscle and that would mean a five-week lay-off," Bowring said. Bath are already facing the next two months without another Wales international, Nathan Thomas, who has damaged knee ligaments.

It would have been Evans's 73rd appearance for Wales and eleventh against England.



His present contract with Bath takes him to the end of the 1998-89 season, by which time a World Cup — he has played in all three tournaments so far — will be on the horizon.

"It's not what I would have wanted, but I now have the chance to show what I can do," Walker said. "If I play well, it will be good for Nigel Walker and good for Wales. Two years ago, we travelled to Twickenham more in hope than expectation. This time, we really feel as if we can win."

In 1996, Robert Howley made his international debut, scoring a try in a 21-15 defeat for Wales. He scored another when England won 34-13 in Cardiff last year, but now carries with him the extra burden of captaincy. Nevertheless, it was Howley who articulated to his squad the belief permeating Wales that they can take advantage of England's malaise and score their first success at Twickenham since 1988.

Arwel Thomas, the Swansea fly half, came through training after a heavy knock to his knee at the weekend, while Allan Bateman, the Richmond centre, has thrown off the effects of a bruised shin. England, for their part, trained privately, pausing only to confirm the fitness of Lawrence Dallaglio, their captain, who has been troubled by a damaged rib cartilage.

France have made one adjustment to the side that beat England in Paris on February 7 for their meeting with Scotland at Murrayfield: Marc Lièvremont is preferred at flanker to the experienced Philippe Benetton and will therefore start the match alongside his brother, Thomas, who has recovered from the rib damage that he received against England.

Marc Lièvremont, the older by five years of the brothers, was outstanding for Stade Français in their win over Castres on Sunday and is likely to play on the open side, with Olivier Magne on the blind side. However, Benetton, who injured a calf and was replaced midway through the first half against England, is likely to step up as a tactical replacement at some stage.

FRANCE

J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); P Bernat-Salles (Pau), C Lamaison (Brive), S Glas (Bourgoin), C Dominici (Stade Français); T Castaignède (Castres), P Carbonneau (Brive); C Califano (Toulouse), R Ibañez (Dax, captain), F Tournaire (Toulouse), O Brouzet (Bègles-Bordeaux), F Pelous (Toulouse), M Lièvremont (Stade Français), O Magne (Brive), T Lièvremont (Perpignan). Replacements: X Garbajosa (Toulouse), D Aucagne (Pau), F Gaithié (Colomiers), P Benetton (Agen), T Cléda (Pau), C Soulette (Béziers), M dal Maso (Agen)

ALLSPORT



Hilton's performance against Ireland makes him a certain selection against France

Scotland's rock sets the good times rolling again

Mark Souster finds David Hilton happy to be back in favour with club and country

There is little doubt that Bill McLaren, in his own inimitable way, would describe David Hilton as a solid citizen. Everything about his demeanour suggests a slab of West Country reliability, a man unruffled by life's vicissitudes.

Tom Smith emerged to usurp Hilton in the Scotland front row while Bath opted to fast-track Kevin Yates. As a rule of thumb, though, somebody tends to profit from another person's misfortune; and Hilton has prospered from Yates's recent problems.

Now he has every reason to smile. Professionally and personally, the past four weeks have witnessed a dramatic upturn in life for the Bedminster-born prop forward, who qualifies for Scotland by dint of his Edinburgh-born grandfather.

In the past month, Hilton, 27, has won a European Cup with Bath, turned the course of an international in Ireland when replacing George Graham, and, most recently, become a father for the first time with the birth of Victoria on Sunday. A starting place in the Scotland team, for whom he should win his 24th cap on Saturday against France, would appear inevitable when the team is announced at Murrayfield today.

Given the treatment that the France props, Califano and Tournaire, meted out to Garforth and Leonard, Scotland cannot afford to be without Hilton's scrummaging prowess. After he came on as a replacement to confront Paul Wallace, of Ireland, at Lansdowne Road 12 days ago, Jim Telfer said: "I've learnt a lot about front-row play today." Deciphering the code, what the Scotland coach meant was that Hilton, whose debut came against Canada in 1995, is again indispensable.

Nicknamed McChop and a butcher by trade, Hilton is unperturbed by the prospect of facing France. "They are only human. I'll just get on with the job and see what happens," he said.

"They are strong up front but we've put in a lot of hard work this week and we are ready. I am looking forward to a double celebration on Saturday night; both to wet the baby's head and toast a Scottish victory."

Hilton's attitude and resolve in the face of adversity has impressed Andy Robinson, the Bath coach, who knows that lesser individuals might have walked away rather than accept second-team rugby. "He has been totally rejuvenated for Bath and Scotland," Robinson said.

"Times have been tough, especially when Kevin Yates was in our side. But he has kept working hard, being positive. His strength of character has seen him through the bad times.

"In some respects, the fact that nothing much troubles him was part of the problem. Maybe he was just too happy. He is now a lot more aggressive, and he's added an extra dimension to his game.

"He has taken full advantage of his chance. Things are looking tremendous for him. It is down to his hard work and the fact he never gives up.

"He was superb against Brive, an aggressive rock for Scotland against Ireland and he has been brilliant in the last two club games," Robinson said.

New coaching team takes over at Leicester

BY DAVID HANDS

LEICESTER, who dismissed Bob Dwyer, their director of coaching, on Tuesday, will place the coaching of the side for the rest of the season in the hands of John Wells and Joel Stransky. They will operate alongside Dean Richards, who has taken over responsibility for the management of the first-team squad.

Richards and Wells, old colleagues and friends, are enjoying a joint testimonial season, though neither would have believed how their fortunes would change during the course of it. Wells, the long-serving flanker who has been helping to coach the club second team, follows a long line of back-row forwards who have gone on to coach Leicester, among them Ian Smith who had to make way after the arrival of Dwyer and Duncan Hall in 1996.

Wells will be responsible for the forward coaching and Stransky, the South Africa fly half who joined the club in January last year, will be helped by others in coaching the backs. Considering the international experience Leicester have at their disposal, there is a big input to come from the players.

It is understood that Dwyer was seeking a new two-year contract when his present agreement ran out at the end of this season, and that the Leicester board felt a change to be desirable. There has been criticism of the Australian's man-management and the elevation of Richards, for whom Leicester have long earmarked a management role, is designed, in part, to enable members to regain a sense of identity with the club.

London Scottish, aiming for promotion to the first division of the Allied Dunbar Premiership — they lie second in the second division — will be helped by the addition to their coaching staff of Richie Dixon. He will assist John Steele, the director of rugby, for the next six games after resigning as Scotland coach last month.

Dixon has been seconded to the Exiles by the Scottish Rugby Union with the specific intent of helping them to win promotion.

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WORD-WATCHING

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JILDI

(c) Anglo-Indian word meaning haste or to be in a hurry — from the Hindi word "jaldi" meaning quickness.

MAASTRICHTIAN

(b) Of, pertaining to, or designating a division of the Upper Cretaceous in Europe, now regarded as a stage lying next below the Danian.

KNEESY

(c) Amorous play with the knees and the relationship implied by such activity. "Your honour, whilst I admit sitting at the same desk in the White House, I deny all allegations that I suggested or attempted any form of kneesy with the defendant."

LIGER

(a) The offspring of a lion and a tigress (also known as a tigon).

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TELEVISION CHOICE

A case of harassment

An Unsuitable Job for a Woman
ITV, 9.00pm

Helen Baxendale returns as Cordelia Gray, the young, green but very game private detective. Cordelia's creator, P.D. James, was sufficiently pleased by the television adaptation of her book featuring Gray to allow the character to be used in further adventures. The first post-James case, written by the experienced William Humble, has Cordelia going undercover to investigate an accusation by a hotelier's wife (Gemma Jones) that her husband (Leigh Lawson) has been sexually harassing the staff. If the scenario does not have quite the dense plotting or complexity of character of a James story, it provides a satisfying mystery with the twists expected of the genre. Annette Crosbie continues as Cordelia's office manager, supplying an older woman's common sense.



Baxendale and Crosbie (ITV 9.00pm)

Mosley
Channel 4, 9.00pm

We are now well into the 1920s with the Oswald Mosley story and there is still not a hint of the fascist to come. The script by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran continues to portray Mosley as on the one hand an obsessive womaniser and on the other a progressive politician moving steadily to the left. As the episode opens it is 1924 and Mosley has just switched from the Conservative to the Labour Party. With the passion of the convert he goes on to accuse the Labour leadership of betraying socialism. Meanwhile, his marriage to Lord Curzon's daughter (Jemma Redgrave) comes under strain as he seduces the beautiful Jane (Caroline Langrishe), wife of a Tory MP. "Vote Labour and sleep Tory" is the Mosley motto and the Blackshirt rallies and the battle of Cable Street still seem an age away.

Superstore
BBC2, 9.00pm

Tesco may have been the first supermarket chain to issue loyalty cards but now everybody has them. So much, you might think, for loyalty, and you could be right. Or partly right, for once you get a Tesco card the store knows a lot about you, how much you spend and on what and, not least, your name and address. So prepare to be targeted for the Tesco people are far too canny to be giving away points for nothing. Or, for that matter, spending £8 million on the revamped loyalty card which forms the main subject of tonight's film. Meanwhile, at the Banbury superstore the opening hours are being extended from 8pm to 10pm. Not having being consulted about the change, the staff are less than pleased. This episode will counter any suggestion that the series is a Tesco commercial by other means.

Horizon: Saddam's Secrets
BBC2, 9.30pm

Replacing the scheduled programme for obvious reasons of topicality, this is an updated version of an *Horizon* film about the attempts of the United Nations inspection team to enter Iraq and track down Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction. Over the years they have had more success than the current crisis might suggest, having located secret military bases, Scud missile launchers, the supergun barrels, chemical weapons dumps and the remains of a nuclear research establishment. But it has meant an elaborate cat-and-mouse game with the Iraqi security forces, involving much cunning and not a little courage, as when examining canisters of poison gas. At the heart of the inspectors' mission was finding proof of Saddam's biological weapons programme. The breakthrough came only after five years of frustration. **Peter Waymark**

RADIO CHOICE

Performance on 3: London Symphony Orchestra
Radio 3, 7.30pm

In the course of this year the LSO is to perform the entire cycle of 15 Shostakovich symphonies. The performances will be completed in October and this will mean that the symphonies will have been broadcast in chronological order for the first time. Mstislav Rostropovich, renowned as a cellist and conductor, is the appropriate maestro for this cycle, for in 1943, aged 16, he joined the composition class which Shostakovich ran at the Moscow Conservatoire. The men became, and remained, friends until the composer died in 1975. Tonight's concert features the first two symphonies, the first written when Shostakovich was 17 years old and the second written to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Why Did We Do That?
Radio 4, 7.20pm

One of my other hats is better described as a journalistic crash helmet under which I prepare broadsides about the vagaries of travelling around in Britain, mostly by car. This as you can imagine attracts so much "fan mail" that I sometimes feel I have been mistaken for the Controller of Radio 4. I expect he will understand my problem when the mail arrives after this latest programme in the series about past decisions, for tonight the subject is the urban road schemes that were all the rage 30 and 40 years ago, with great swaths of housing being demolished to make way for dual carriageways. The policy would cause uproar now, yet, as this analysis shows, few voices were raised against it at the time. **Peter Barnard**

RADIO 1

6.30am Kevin Greening and Zoë Ball 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley. Includes at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Radcliffe 4.00 Dave Pearce 6.45 Newsbeat 6.00 Dave Pearce 6.30 Steve Lamacq: The Evening Session 8.30 Live Music Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00am Blue Jam 2.00 Clive Warren 4.00 Chris Moyles

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Anne Robinson 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Glen Campbell Story 8.00 Paul Jones 9.00 The Denise Williams Show 9.30 Love 40: New Balls Please 10.00 The Curried Goat Show 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Annie Othen

RADIO 5 LIVE

6.00am The Breakfast Programme 9.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Midday with Meir 2.00pm Rusco on Five 4.00 Nationwide 7.00 News Extra 7.30 On the Line. New series of the investigative programme 8.00 Inside Edge 9.00 SportsAmerica 9.30 Sportshop 10.00 News Talk 11.00 News Extra 12.00 After Hours 2.00am Up All Night 5.00 Morning Reports

VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jeremy Clark 7.00 The Chris Evans Breakfast Show 10.00 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Robin Banks 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyte (AM) Ray Cokes 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Kirsty Young with Bill Overton 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Dealey 7.00 Anna Raeburn 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins 5.00 The Early Show

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsday 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf: Air and Angels 7.30 Composer of the Month 8.00 News 8.10 Pause for Thought 8.15 Performance 8.30 World Ranking 9.00 News; News in German (648 only) 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Just a Taste 9.30 Network 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 Discovery 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 The Learning World 11.45 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 News 12.05pm World Business Report 12.15 Britain Today 12.30 Record News 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Multitrack X-Press 3.00 News, News in German (648 only) 3.05 Sports Roundup 3.15 Westway 3.30 The Vintage Chart Show 4.00 News 4.15 Record News 4.30 The World Today; News in German (648 only) 4.45 Britain Today 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 World Business Report 5.45 Sports Roundup 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Assignment; News in German (648 only) 7.00 News Summary 7.01 Outlook 7.25 Pause for Thought 7.30 John Peel 8.00 Newshour 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report 9.15 Britain Today 9.30 Meridian Books 10.00 Newsdesk 10.30 The World Today 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.05 Outlook 11.30 John Peel 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Westway 12.45 Britain Today 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Composer of the Month 2.00 Newsday 2.30 Focus on Faith 3.00 News 3.05 World Business Report 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Assignment 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Europe Today 5.00 Newsday 5.30 Europe Today

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Breakfast with Bailey. Two hours of music for the morning. 8.00 Henry Kelly, Michael Barry prepares apple jacques. Plus, the Record of the Week 12.00 Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents listeners' favourite music 2.00pm Concerto. Rachmaninov (Piano Concerto No 1 in F sharp minor) 3.00 Jamie Crick. Includes Afternoon Romance and Continuous Classics 6.30 Newsnight. Presented by John Brunning 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven with John Brunning 9.00 Evening Concert. Mozart (Flute and Harp Concerto in C; Violin Sonata in F; String Quartet in E flat; Symphony No 25 in G minor) 11.00 Mann at Night 2.00am Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths with the Early Breakfast Show

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, including Bach (French Suite No 5 in G, BWV816); Saint-Saëns (Phaeton); Haydn (Missa Brevis); Chopin arr Godowsky (Etudes in C, Op 10 No 1; in D flat, Op 10 No 3); Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor)
9.00 Masterworks, with Peter Hobday. Enescu (Rumanian Rhapsody No 2 in D); Haydn (Piano Sonata in E flat); Bach (Partita No 2 in D minor); Lalo (Namouna, Suite No 1)
10.30 Artist of the Week: James Bowman
11.00 Sound Stories. Richard Baker examines the career of the French composer, conductor, organist and teacher Nadia Boulanger
12.00 Composer of the Week: Shostakovich
1.00pm Mozart's Voices. In the second of two programmes, Linda Ormiston talks to Charles Mackerras about the singers behind Mozart's operas and how their voices influenced the roles. Includes excerpts from *Don Giovanni*, *Le Nozze di Figaro* and *Clemenza di Tito*
2.00 The BBC Orchestras. BBC Philharmonic, London Symphony Chorus, Huddersfield Choral Society, Helen Field, soprano, Martyn Hill, tenor, Jamie MacDougall, tenor, Paul Whelan, baritone, Susan Bullock, soprano, Jean Rigby, mezzo. Stravinsky (Symphony of Psalms), under Yan Pascal Tortelier; Rachmaninov (The Bells); Schubert (Mass in E flat, D950), under Vasili Sinaisky
4.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the Saskia Trio. Haydn (Piano Trio in C, H XV 27); Ives (Piano Trio)
4.45 Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson
5.00 In Tune. The Swedish trombonist Christian Lindberg joins Sean Rafferty in the studio. Plus a report from a production of Puccini's *Madam Butterfly* at the Albert Hall in London
7.30 Performance on 3: London Symphony Orchestra. Live from the Barbican Centre, London. Kenneth Tarver, tenor, Egils Silins, baritone and London Symphony Chorus and Orchestra under Mstislav Rostropovich. Shostakovich (Symphony No 2). See Choice 7.50 Hard is His Calling in Life. A talk by Lesley Chamberlain about Nikolai Gogol, author of *The Nose*, *The Government Inspector* and *Dead Souls* 8.10 Concert, part two. Shostakovich (Suite from the Nose; Symphony No 1)
9.20 Postscript: Taking the Waters. Kathleen Griffin visits the springs at Baden Baden, the hottest in Europe (4/5)
9.45 The Desire to Compose. The pianist Cristina Ortiz plays music by Clara Schumann
10.00 Music Restored. Songs and consort music from 17th-century England and Germany, performed at the Wigmore Hall by the viol consort Concordia, and the counter-tenor Robin Blaze
11.30 Composer of the Week: Chopin (r)
11.45 Night Waves. A report on a new production of the *The London Cuckolds* at the National
12.30am Jazz Notes. Digby Fairweather presents a salute marking Humphrey Lyttelton's 50th anniversary as a band leader
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod

RADIO 4

5.55am (LW) Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts. John Waite and his team of investigators follow up listeners' complaints (r)
9.30 The Windy Sea. Tim Whewell concludes his journey around the Caspian Sea (4/4) (r)
10.00 (FM) News; Coal. Julie Wilkinson's love story set amid the mining communities of Nottinghamshire. With Duncan Barton, Tim Smith and Sera Poyzer
10.00 (LW) News; The Daily Service
10.15 (LW) On These Days, with Michael Roseri
10.30 Woman's Hour. Introduced by Jenni Murray
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent. Dispatches from BBC reporters around the world
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current affairs with Mark Whittaker
12.25pm Globetrotting. The travel quiz chaired by Gideon Coe. With Fi Glover, Dominic Holland and Dan Gaster 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thursday Afternoon Play: Up and Down in Silvertown, by Mike Walker. A woman reminisces over 30 years spent living in a tower block overlooking Docklands in London. With Anna Wing, Jade Williams and Alison Pettitt
3.00 News; Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Juliette Binoche, who won an Oscar for *The English Patient*, now makes her British theatre debut in *Naked*
4.45 Short Story: Bonding, by Alex Shearer
5.00 PM, with Charlie Lee-Potter and Chris Lowe
5.45 Party Political Broadcast. On behalf of the Conservative Party
5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 God's Own County. The final programme of the series which attempts to explain the nature of Yorkshire folk. Presented by Mark Hurst (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Why Did We Do That? See Choice
8.00 Your Lord Is My Land: The Battle For the Citadel. Tim Llewellyn investigates 50 years of Jewish-Arab conflict
8.45 First Generation. Six programmes exploring the problems that have faced the children of immigrant families living in Britain
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? With Frederick Dove
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Bookshop, by P. Fitzgerald (4/10) (r)
11.00 Devices and Desires, by P.D. James, dramatised by Neville Teller. With Paul Shelley, Robin Ellis and Bruce Alexander
11.30 (LW) Today in Parliament. A roundup of the day's events in Westminster
11.30 Ad Lib. Robert Robinson meets people who, as their childhood, were classed as prodigies (6/6) (r)
12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: Lucky You!, by Carl Hiaasen. Read by Kerry Shale (4/10)
12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

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Good and bad children and the odd adult

REVIEW



Peter Barnard

Completely and Utterly are twin staples of the child-minding argot, often appearing at the scene of some hideous squabble, half a sentence ahead of Totally and Absolutely. "You are Completely and Utterly impossible," a parent will begin. "I am Totally and Absolutely fed up with this behaviour." Most of these excesses are completely and utterly pointless, as was demonstrated on television last night.

Not that they should have been. Just about the last place I would put a child who is prone to ridiculous, showy-offy behaviour is in front of a camera. This is like pointing a lens at a Bosnian Serb sniper and expecting him not to shoot anyone. Indeed, some of the behavioural landscape explored by **Modern Times: Family Values** (BBC2) last night was reminiscent of a war zone.

The idea behind Lynn Alleway's film was to show the differing approaches to childcare used by two middle-class couples. One lives in Belgravia, London, and attends, with their two children, a parenting course run by, you guessed it, an American woman in West Hampstead. The other lives in a large pile in Cornwall where the mother, Yvonne, believes in shouting at children and "the occasional smack".

Yvonne and her husband, Richard, clearly love their three children as much as Amalia and John love their two, but somehow one lot has come off the production line with most parts humming nicely while the other lot has a terrible noise emanating from somewhere under the bonnet. I shall resist the temptation to conclude that Amalia/John have got it right and Yvonne/Richard have not, because the film did not tell us where the starting line was: had the London children been badly behaved but were now, because of the praise heaped on them during the course, turned into angels?

Had the Cornish children always fitted Yvonne's description? "They ought to be in the United Nations, my children, they could argue for about ten months as to which shape table they were going to sit around and when they'd decided about the shape they could argue about the wood..." Well quite: we cannot have children behaving like diplomats.

Richard junior is a particularly spectacular example of recalcitrant youth. He is 11 and enjoys driving the family car around the estate at disturbing speeds: surely he could be prevented from doing that? Richard, saddled with two older sisters (a boy's worst nightmare), is morose, taciturn and repetitive. En route to a family holiday, Richard stages an extract from *The Caretaker*, endlessly announcing "I've got no shoes". Meanwhile in Belgravia, Rosanna, aged 11, and Hector, aged 8, are being showered with "descriptive praise" and issued with long lists of rules, which include: "Control inappropriate impulses." That might get Richard to park the car and sit down for a chat, but he would be more likely to eat the list.

A child of the precocious variety turned up in **Trouble at the Top** (BBC2), back for a second series. *Ratner Returns* had a couple of delightful moments from Gerald Ratner's daughter, Sarah, aged 9, including a piece of advice about not blaming other people for things that go wrong. The former jewellery shop magnate, whose business fell apart when he described the goods he sold as "crap", is back in business running a health club, and this was the story of its shaky creation.

Ratner is no Branson; whatever fuels his progress, it is not charisma. And the health club, being built from the ground up in Henley-on-Thames, has to succeed. "It means everything," Ratner said. "I've put my head above the parapet again. It's taken me five years and I don't want it all to end in tears." Or, as Sarah witheringly put it: "It might turn out like his last jewellery shop."

The omens looked bad for a long time and when the swimming pool was unfinished and the entrance unTarmacked close to the opening date I imagined Ratner ringing up Anneka Rice. The project dumped Ratner's long-standing partner and there was a constant battle to get enough paid-up members for the business to break even. But the truculent builders (if that is not a tautology) had just about gone home as the first guests arrived. By last month the club had indeed passed the break-even figure.

Which brings me to the most amazing news of the night, which is that nothing in **TV Dinners** (Channel 4) involved Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall groping about in primeval sludge and boiling it over an active volcano. For some time now I have wondered when one of F-W's platefuls will come under investigation from Mulder and Scully, but last night's recipes looked relatively tasty.

There was a Greek-Italian evening centred on moussaka, prepared by Marina Schofield for her father's 70th birthday party. And there was a whole series of concoctions, including a sorbet made with gin and tonic, for a house-warming dinner prepared by Paul Francey, a police sergeant, at his new home. This was rowdy but disappointingly normal for an F-W show, until two of the guests, one male one female, undressed and swapped clothes while the rest of the gathering sang *Jerusalem*.

Was this some sort of Masonic thing? My mind went back to little Richard in Cornwall. If, one day, he should be filmed singing *Jerusalem* while wearing a dress, does this mean (a) his parents should have gone to classes in West Hampstead or (b) it was just the only way to get on television? Answers on a postcard to Sarah Ratner, a child of wisdom if ever I heard one.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (54335)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82109)
9.00 Style Challenge (8325703)
9.25 Change That In Leicester (8344838)
9.50 Kilroy (T) (2338345)
10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (T) (2361109)
10.55 The Really Useful Show (T) (9180451)
11.35 What Would You Do? A 23-stone man, considering surgery to lose weight, receives advice (3949161)
12.00 News (T) (8091971)
12.05pm Call My Bluff Word game, with team captains Alan Coren and Sandi Toksvig (1190600)
12.35 Wipeout (6780180)
1.00 One O'Clock News (T) and weather (89068)
1.30 Regional News (T) (71746703)
1.40 The Weather Show (12376123)
1.45 Neighbours (T) (21461722)
2.10 Petrocelli (r) (6250797)
3.00 Lion Country Daily series from Longleat House (1345)
3.30 Playdays (4123971) **3.50** The Littlest Pet Shop (5594364) **3.55** McGee and Me (4206258) **4.20** Julia Jekyll and Harriet Hyde (1129722) **4.35** The Mask (6719616)
5.00 Newsround (T) (7198600)
5.10 Grange Hill Matt takes Gemma out, while Nathan's bid for glory proves short-lived (T) (4484971)
5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (121180)
6.00 Six O'Clock News (T) and weather (884)
6.30 Regional News (T) (364)
7.00 Watchdog with Anne Robinson Consumer investigations, with reporters Alice Beer, Johnathan Maitland, John Nicolson and Jane Goddard putting some of the biggest high street names under the spotlight (T) (8548)
7.30 EastEnders Just when she thought things couldn't get any worse Kathy gets an unwanted blast from the past (T) (548)
8.00 Vets in Practice Trude battles to save a dangerously ill puppy and Hannah employs various unusual techniques to help a Yorkshire terrier who's having a heart attack (T) (2074)
8.30 The Detectives The hapless duo are assigned to the River Police. Comedy, starring Jasper Carrott, Robert Powell and Anthony Valentine (r) (T) (1109)
9.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (T) (727987)
9.05 Nine O'Clock News (T) and weather (316635)
9.35 One Foot in the Grave Comedy with Richard Wilson and Annette Crosbie (r) (T) (7846345)
10.40 Question Time The guests are the MPs Mo Mowlam, David Willetts and Nick Harvey and the journalist Peter Hitchens. Chaired by David Dimbleby (T) (950109)
11.40 The Cisco Kid (1994) Western, starring Jimmy Smits and Cheech Marin, with Sadie Payne and Ron Perlman. Directed by Luis Valdez (264161)
1.05am Weather (8852466)
1.10 BBC News 24

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BBC2

6.10am Questions About Behaviour (9673631) **6.35** A Conflict of Interests (3770635) **7.00** See Hear Breakfast News (T) (3964068) **7.15** Blue Peter (r) (T) (93426)
7.45 Olympic Grandstand (779242) **8.45** The Record (6682906) **9.10** Hallo aus Berlin (5293548) **9.25** Megamaths (1134398) **9.45** Come Outside (4898664) **10.00** Teletubbies (58600) **10.30** Storytime (3889616) **10.45** Teaching Today (482646) **11.15** Zig Zag (5311093) **11.35** English File (3956451) **11.55** Lifeschool (3679703)
12.30pm Olympic Grandstand includes **12.35** Short-Track Speed Skating; **1.35** Women's Alpine Skiing; **2.05** Women's Speed Skating; **2.20** Nordic Combined Skiing and Women's Biathlon (66582567)
2.40 News (T) (8450161) **2.45** Westminster (9999161) **3.25** News (T) (5426819) **3.30** The Village (r) (242) **4.00** Real Rooms (r) (5405426) **4.25** Ready, Steady, Cook (5408513) **4.55** Esther (5698056) **5.30** Today's the Day (513)
6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Worf makes friends with a mysterious newcomer whose innocent outward appearance hides a sinister agenda (T) (479513)
6.45 Hit, Miss or Maybe Zoe Ball's celebrity guests give their verdicts on three of the latest pop videos (r) (218068)
7.00 Essential Winter Olympics (T) (6384)
8.00 Decisive Weapons (r) (T) (9136)
8.30 Top Gear New series. The new Volkswagen Beetle; the BMWZ3 v TVR Griffith (T) (2451) **WALES:** Bellamy's Herbs (2451)
9.00 [redacted] **Superstore** Staff get to grips with Tesco's campaign to relaunch the customer reward card. The scheme is put into practice with a Clubcard evening (T) (9345)

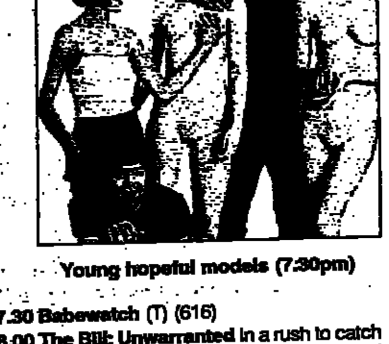


UN inspectors in Iraq (9.30pm)

9.30 [redacted] **Horizon: Sadam's Secrets** The dramatic background story to the current weapons inspection crisis in Iraq between the UN and Saddam Hussein (T) (547884)
10.20 Dance for the Camera: Billy Boys by Tony Keane (687600) **10.30** Political Broadcast: Conservative (144093) **10.35** Newsnight (299635) **11.20** Late Review (256180) **11.55** Skiing Forecast (700398) **12.00** The Midnight Hour (85219)
12.30am Learning Zone: Open University: Cultures of the Walkmen (80049) **1.00** Out of the Melting Pot (51759) **2.00** Further Education: Marketing (69339) **4.00** Teaching Film and Media (94952) **4.30** Film Education: Regeneration (90575) **5.00** Teacher Training (77136) **5.30** Teaching Today Special (3401204) **5.45** Open University: Imagining New Worlds (3491827)

HTV

6.00am GMTV (5542277)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (T) (8320258)
9.55 Regional News (9797109)
10.00 The Time, The Place (T) (52426)
10.30 This Morning (58866426)
12.20pm Regional News (8097155)
12.30 News (T) and weather (6783277)
12.55 Shortland Street (6695068) **1.25** Home and Away (T) (70767616) **1.50** Crosswits (21371155) **2.20** Chef School (92444600) **2.50 Vanessa** (T) (6045819) **3.20** News (T) (5414074) **3.25** Regional News (5413345)
3.30 Potamus Park (1465838) **3.40** Wizadora (5422242) **3.50** The Forgotten Toys (1363426) **4.05** Blazing Dragons (T) (7979345) **4.15** Mike and Angelo (T) (6737600) **4.40** Cartoon Time (5027616) **4.45** ReBoot (r) (T) (6637068)
5.10 A Country Practice (5039451)
5.40 News (T) and weather (197258)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (528277)
6.25 Regional Weather (136345)
6.30 Regional News (432)
7.00 Emmerdale (T) (1722)
7.30 WALES: Wales This Week (616)



Young hopeful models (7.30pm)

7.30 Babewatch (T) (616)
8.00 The Bill: Unwarranted In a rush to catch a crook red-handed, Ashton trips and falls foul of the law himself (T) (4242)
8.30 Blues and Twos A look at the work of the community police officers of Barry in South Wales (T) (6277)
9.00 [redacted] **An Unsuitable Job for a Woman** Cordelia finds herself acting as bait when she goes undercover at an hotel where the proprietor is accused by his wife of sexually harassing female staff (T) (9074)
10.00 Party Political Broadcast by the Conservative Party (T) (778906)
10.05 News at Ten (T) and weather (536242)
10.35 Regional News and weather (861258)
10.45 WALES: The Ferret (604819)
10.45 Secrets of the Moor (604819)
11.15 WALES: Departures (694432)
11.15 The West This Week (694432)
11.45 WALES: Babewatch See 7.30pm for details (T) (693703)
11.45 Swift Justice (527180)
12.15am WALES: Tales from the Crypt (5182117)
12.40 The Jerry Springer Show: I'm Cheating on You (T) (2738933)
1.30 New York News (6731285)
2.25 Bonkers (r) (T) (9302469)
3.25 The Chart Show (r) (9529240)
4.15 The Time, The Place (r) (T) (58020)
4.45 Freescreen
5.00 ITV Nightscreen (6376914)
5.30 News (90914)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:
12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (6695068)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5039451)
6.25 Central News (430062)
6.55-7.00 Lifeline (476155)
10.45 Late Tackle (488093)
11.45 Millionaires (693703)
12.15am Eastern Mix (90594)
12.45 The Jerry Springer Show (2737204)
1.35 Not Fade Away (6730556)
2.30 Box Office America (9486914)
2.55 War of the Worlds (7383339)
3.50 The Time, the Place (38308759)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:
12.55 Home and Away (6695068)
1.25-1.50 Emmerdale (70767616)
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5039451)
6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (45695)
10.45 Moments of Passion (604819)
11.15 Air Ambulance (694432)
11.45 Midnight Caller (527180)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:
5.10-5.40 Home and Away (5039451)
6.00 Meridian Tonight (180)
6.30-7.00 Getaways (432)
10.35 Meridian News and Weather (885838)
10.50 Film: Predator II (99123277)

ANGLIA

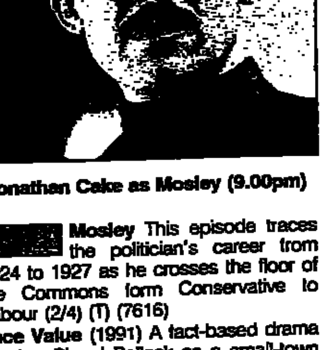
As HTV West except:
12.55-1.25 Surprise Chefs (6695068)
5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (5039451)
6.25 Anglia News (430068)
6.55-7.00 What's On (476155)
10.35 Anglia News and Weather (885838)
10.50 Film: Predator II (99123277)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Bigger Breakfast (75819)
9.00 Saved by the Bell (9921600)
9.35 The Secret World of Alex Mack (2005513)
10.05 Hang Time (9785364)
10.35 Pugwall's Summer (9179345)
11.10 The Bigger Breakfast (5307890)
11.30 Powerhouse (5906)
12.00 Ricki Lake (98155)
12.30pm Sesame Street (24068)
1.00 Slot Meithrin (78906)
1.30 Prairie Album (81119426)
1.50 Film: Hell Below Zero (69051242)
3.30 The Windsor Auction (838)
4.00 Fifteen-to-One (345)
4.30 Countdown (529)
5.00 5 Pump (6600)
5.30 Wild Britain (109)
6.00 Newyddion (982451)
6.10 Heno (557345)
7.00 Pobol y Cwm (462567)
7.25 Pwy 'Di Pwy? (561513)
8.00 Pam Fi Duw? (2884)
8.30 Darllediad Gwleidyddol Gan y Blaid Geidwadol (540364)
8.35 Newyddion (174839)
9.05 I dot (960123)
10.05 Mosley (9680451)
11.10 Film: Critters (243364)
12.45am-1.30 Portishead (7021827)

CHANNEL 4

5.55am Sesame Street (98345)
7.00 The Bigger Breakfast Featuring **9.00** Saved By the Bell (r) (T) **9.35** The Secret World of Alex Mack (r) **10.05** Hang Time (r) **10.35** Pugwall's Summer (r) **11.10** The Bigger Breakfast (7711567)
11.30 Powerhouse Political magazine (5906) **12.00** Sesame Street (98155)
12.30pm Light Lunch With the actor Stephen Tompkinson (21180)
1.30 The Cabinet Puppet animation (71753093)
1.45 The 39 Steps (1959, b/w) starring Kenneth More and Faith Brook. FILM Espionage thriller, based on the novel by John Buchan, directed by Ralph Thomas (98588538)
3.30 The Windsors: The Sale of a Lifetime Angela Rippon introduces a preview of the auction at Sotheby's in New York of the effects of the late Duke and Duchess of Windsor (T) (838) **4.00** Fifteen-to-One (T) (345) **4.30** Countdown (T) (6630155) **4.55** Ricki Lake (T) (7987664) **5.30** Pet Rescue (T) (109)
6.00 Roseanne Roseanne and Dan venture into unknown testimony when they try to get closer to Becky and Darlene (r) (T) (722)
6.30 Hollyoaks Teen soap. The day of the court case arrives but will Gina testify? (T) (154)
7.00 Channel 4 News (T) and weather (302277)
7.50 Citizen 2000 (T) (595529)
8.00 The Traitor King The story of Edward VIII. Was he guilty of treason and just what was his relationship with Hitler? First seen in the *Secret Lives* strand (2/2) (T) (1780)



Jonathan Cake as Mosley (9.00pm)

9.00 [redacted] **Mosley** This episode traces the politician's career from 1924 to 1927 as he crosses the floor of the Commons form Conservative to Labour (2/4) (T) (7616)
10.00 Face Value (1991) A fact-based drama FILM starring Cheryl Pollack as a small-town Missouri woman who goes to New York to find stardom as a model. Directed by John Grey (T) (452890)
11.45 The Last Picture Show (1971, b/w) Jeff FILM Bridges and Timothy Bottoms star as teenagers growing up in a small dying Texas town during the 1950s. Also with Ben Johnson and Cloris Leachman who both picked up Best Supporting Oscars for the film Directed by Peter Bogdanovich (63386187)
1.55am Act of Necessity (1991) An FILM Australian docudrama starring Angie Milliken as a farmer's wife crusading against the chemical spraying of cotton crops. Directed by Ian Munro (600933)
3.50 Puk Nini (r) (3404136) **4.25** Darwin (r) (T) (4155440) **5.30** Right to Reply (r) (T) (9753778)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE
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6.00am 5 News Early (7077635)
7.00 Exclusive (r) (4735819)
7.30 Milkshake! (7423838) **7.35** Havakazoo Wimzie's House (r) (8388722) **8.00** Havakazoo (r) (7942258)
8.30 WideWorld Documentary series on the education system (12/20) (7941529)
9.00 Espresso Consumer affairs magazine (8852906) **10.00** Wings over the World (r) (T) (2798884) **10.30** Sunset Beach (T) (3117426) **11.10** Leeza (2391703)
12.00 5 News (T) (7945345) **12.30pm** Family Affairs (r) (T) (7820884) **1.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (4727890) **1.30** HouseBusters (r) (T) (7829155)
2.00 Beauty and the Beast (2799513) **3.00** 100 Per Cent Gold. Quiz (1197161)
3.30 Search and Rescue (1994) starring FILM Robert Conrad. A drama about the efforts to save a child injured in the Sierra Mountains. Directed by Paul Krasny (9074068)
5.20 Russell Grant's Postcards Henley-on-Thames (19336345)
5.30 Exclusive Special *Loving the Alien.* Showbiz documentary: Hollywood and extraterrestrials, with Will Smith, Douglas Adams and Dannii Minogue (4331906)
6.00 100 Per Cent Game show (4338819)
6.30 Family Affairs Angus discovers the high price of love (T) (4249971)
7.00 5 News (T) (1016242)
7.30 Wings Over the World The work of the World Pheasant Association (T) (4245155)



Colin Friels is Frank Holloway (8.00)

8.00 Water Rats: Iron Man A new drama series about the Sydney Water Police starring Colin Friels. (5946426)
9.00 Nothing in Common (1986) starring FILM Tom Hanks, Jackie Gleason and Eva Marie Saint. A comedy about a high-flying advertising man who learns that his parents are to divorce after 34 years of marriage. Directed by Garry Marshall (27975616)
11.20 Not The Jack Docherty Show with Melinda Messenger. The guests are Samantha Fox and Sean Maguire (7011548)
12.05am Live and Dangerous Sports magazine. The guest is Gerry Francis Includes, at **1.15**, Brazilian football (10067488)
4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (7662952)
5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (8737643)

SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1

7.00am Street Sharks (26567) **7.30** Bump in the Night (2398835) **7.45** The Simpsons (23835) **8.15** Oprah Winfrey (6192074) **9.00** Murphy Brown (76835) **10.00** Another World (82118) **11.00** Days of Our Lives (14722) **12.00** Married with Children (25277) **12.30pm** M*A*S*H (44690) **1.00** Geraldo (49345) **2.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (88819) **3.00** Jenny Jones (59258) **4.00** Oprah Winfrey (61093) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (9529) **6.00** The Live 6 Show (7890) **6.30** Married with Children (5242) **7.00** The Simpsons (1116) **7.30** Real TV (1426) **8.00** Suddenly Susan (9906) **8.30** Veronica's Closet (5513) **9.00** Friends (67277) **9.30** Mad About You (69426) **10.00** ER (23447) **11.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (32677) **12.00** Late Show (44448) **1.00am** In the Heat of the Night (63579) **2.00** Long Play (3682865)

SKY BOX OFFICE

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SKY BOX OFFICE 1 (Transponder 26) **Twin Town (1997)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 2 (Transponder 60) **She's the One (1996)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 3 (Transponder 59) **The Preacher's Wife (1996)**
SKY BOX OFFICE 4 (Transponder 58) **Metro (1996)**

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 1

6.00am Outrage! (1996) (17907548) **7.45 The Crowded Sky (1960)** (17741074) **9.30 Home Front (1987)** (30764068) **11.15 Little Cobras: Operation Dalmatian (1997)** (88135451) **1.00pm A Flea in Her Ear (1968)** (59506161) **2.55 Funny Girl (1968)** (71870345) **5.00 Superman II (1980)** (31838) **7.00 Little Cobras: Operation Dalmatian (1997)** (28971) **9.05 The Cable Guy (1996)** (45534068) **10.45 Angels and Insects (1995)** (495838) **12.45am The Underachievers (1987)** (367486) **2.15 First to Fight (1967)** (380730) **3.55 The Young Poisoner's Handbook (1995)** (12558759)

SKY MOVIES SCREEN 2

6.00am Payment on Demand (1951) (54635) **8.00 Time Warrior: Eggs from 70 Million BC (1995)** (97513) **10.00 Sex and the Single Girl (1964)** (53548) **12.00 The Train Robbers (1973)** (83364) **2.00pm Lucky Me (1954)** (85161) **4.00 Garden of Evil (1954)** (5703) **6.00 Criminal Intent (1996)** (13462074) **8.00 Edie and Pen (1996)** (62622) **10.00 Barb Wire (1996)** (983345) **11.40 Red Shoe Diaries: The Game (1995)** (813451) **1.00am Living in Oblivion (1995)** (872198) **2.35 Everybody Wins (1990)** (910643) **4.15 Stowaways on the Ark** (253556)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.00pm Golden Earrings (1947) (7915109) **6.00 The Long Ships (1964)** (4439068) **8.00 ET: The Extra-Terrestrial (1982)** (4434513) **10.00 Bright Lights, Big City (1988)** (4052513) **11.55 Lenny Live & Unleashed (1989)** (6546726) **1.35am Bandolero! (1968)** (8408555) **3.20 Talk of the Town (1942)** (6158223) **5.15** Close

TNT

9.00pm Gettysburg (1993) (76614513) **1.15am Buddy Buddy (1981)** (12398372) **3.00 The Angry Hills (1959)** (38803594) **5.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00am Sports Centre (60971) **7.30** Wrestling (67432) **8.30** Sports Centre (56258) **9.00** Racing News (70838) **9.30** Aerobics (45141) **10.00** Coca-Cola Cup Semi-Final (95635) **12.00** Aerobics (50074) **12.30pm** Sport USA (96818) **2.00** Outdoor Quest (11161) **3.00** Wrestling (31722) **5.00** Wrestling (9161) **6.00** Sports Centre (4722) **6.30** League Review (5074) **7.00** Ringside (44838) **8.00** Spanish Primera Liga (24074) **10.00** Sports Centre (51703) **10.30** League Review (60451) **11.00** Ringside (59619) **12.00** Sports Centre (77001) **12.30am** Spanish Primera Liga (27627) **2.30** Sports Centre (73594) **3.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 2

7.00am Aerobics (1205884) **7.30** Sports Centre (1397819) **8.00** Racing News (8434161) **8.30** Fish TV (8931905) **9.30** Euro Tour Weekly (1946884) **10.00** Golf Extra (1381093) **1.00pm** Chelsea v Arsenal (5802838) **3.00** Futbol Mundial (8432906) **3.30** Sport USA (3320906) **5.00** Inside the PGA Tour (8437451) **5.30** League Review (4300180) **6.00** Tight Lines (1038819) **7.00** Sports Centre (8424987) **7.30** Ice Hockey: Express Cup Semi-Final second leg — Live (1188426) **10.00** Golf: Tucson Classic (1912635) **12.00** Ice Hockey: Express Cup Semi-Final second leg (6431488) **2.30am** Tight Lines (7035117) **3.30** Sports Centre (1502759) **4.00** Close

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00pm Wrestling (71372451) **1.00** Fish TV (71285971) **2.00** Snooker: Scottish Open — Live (34509600) **5.00** Fish TV (13378839) **5.30** World of Sailing (19868635) **6.00** Inside the PGA Tour (19863548) **6.30** Best and Worst (19774600) **7.00** Snooker: Scottish Open — Live (74827074) **10.00** Tight Lines (51485838) **11.00** World of Sailing (85150093) **11.30** Close

EUROSPORT

6.00am Speed Skating: Women's 1000m — Live (25013600) **7.45** Biathlon (9004529) **8.30** Skiing (58838) **10.00** Short-Track Speed Skating — Live (4985744) **1.30pm** Biathlon (38180) **3.00** Nordic Combined Skiing (11068) **4.00** Skiing (96703) **5.00** Olympic Extra (5722) **5.30** Biathlon (65838) **6.30** Speed Skating (7242) **7.00** Speed Skating (48703) **9.00** Ice Hockey (28890) **10.00** Skiing (897513) **10.45** Olympic Special (965068) **11.00** Nordic Combined Skiing (44987) **12.00** Cross-Country Skiing: Women's 30km — Live (57310) **2.00am** Speed Skating (58827) **2.30** Skiing (46001) **4.00** Nordic Combined Skiing — Live (15885) **5.30** Cross-Country Skiing (5218846) **5.45** Ice Hockey: Men's Semi-Final — Live (5208469)

UK GOLD

7.00am Worzel Gummidge Down Under (2593161) **7.35** Neighbours (8485109) **8.00** Crossroads (8100635) **8.25** EastEnders (1503819) **9.00** The Bill (2238242) **9.30** Howards' Way (8497655) **10.00** Home to Roost (3843971) **10.30** The Sullivans (2234426) **11.00** Boon (2073906) **12.00** Crossroads (87273432) **12.25pm** Neighbours (87283819) **12.55** EastEnders (6449432) **1.30** Sykes (2706703) **2.05** Essential Olympics (8919180) **3.45** The Bill (1421451) **4.15** Juliet Bravo (91147187) **5.20** EastEnders (3932426) **5.55** Big Break (7541682) **6.30** The Bill (3691432) **7.00 FILM: Carry On at Your Convenience (1971)** (32592068) **8.50** Detectives (5336884) **9.00** Bugs (41599068) **10.05** Blackadder the Third (2795242) **10.45** Minder (8826722) **11.45** Three of a Kind (8202432) **12.30am FILM: Czech Mate (1984)** (89459391) **1.45** Equalizer (7435056) **2.35** Shopping (77833001)



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GRANADA PLUS

6.00am The Box (5034797) **7.00** E! Model (5245068) **7.30** Coronation St (5320703) **8.00** Blind Date (1651839) **9.00** Within These Walls (8875628) **10.00** The Sandbaggers (5326967) **11.00** Hawaii Five-O (5339451) **12.00** Coronation St (7140819) **12.30pm** Families (8142277) **1.00** Watching (5340567) **1.30** Agony (8141548) **2.00** Poirot (5867432) **3.00** London's Burning (8903345) **4.00** Hawaii Five-O (8915180) **5.00** The Professionals (6721906) **6.00** Families (7371548) **6.30** Coronation St (7262600) **7.00** Poirot (2930513) **8.00** London's Burning (2012161) **9.00** Coronation St (8911364) **9.30** Comedians (8059513) **10.00** The Professionals (2939884) **11.00** Granada Men and Motors

CARLTON SELECT (CABLE)

5.00pm Gridlock (13270242) **5.30** Hey Dad II (19871567) **6.00** Blockbusters (19861180) **6.30** A Country Practice (19852432) **7.00** London Bridge (13363906) **7.30** Get Back (19858816) **8.00** Desmond's (13278426) **8.30** That's Love (13351161) **9.00** Boon (51384155) **10.00** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (51387242) **11.00** St Elsewhere (43785797) **12.00** Doctor Down Under (89324662) **12.30am** Tales of the Unexpected (55124827) **1.00** Close

DISNEY CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame St **7.00** Mighty Ducks **7.30** New Doug **8.30** Recess **9.00** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids **9.45** Recess **10.00** Smart Guy **10.30** Teen Angel **11.00** Boy Meets World **12.00** Student Bodies **12.30pm** Gargoyles **1.30** Honey, I Shrunk the Kids **3.30** Recess **3.45** Men in Black **4.15** Recess **4.30** New Doug **5.00** Smart Guy **5.30** Student Bodies **6.00** Boy Meets World **6.30** Teen Angel **7.00 FILM: The Santa Clause (1994)** **8.35** Dinosaurs **9.00** Touched by an Angel **10.00** Close

FOX KIDS NETWORK

6.00am C Bear and Jamal **7.00** Power Rangers Zeo **8.00** Big Bad Beetleborgs **9.00** Casper **10.00** Goosebumps **11.00** Sweet Valley High **12.00** Life With Louie **1.00pm** The Tick **2.00** Home to Rent **3.00** Ace Ventura **4.00** Mortal Kombat **5.00** Goosebumps **6.00** Spiderman **7.00** Close

TCC

6.00am Happily Ever After **6.30** Romuald the Reindeer **7.00** Sprout **7.30** Dennis the Menace **8.00** Batman **8.30** Spellbinder **9.00** Beverly Hills Teens **10.00** AJ's Time Travellers **10.30** Flash Gordon **11.00** Iznogoud **11.30** Gigantor **12.00** Sprout **12.30pm** Beverly Hills Teens **1.00** Spellbinder **1.30** AJ's Time Travellers **2.00** Iznogoud **2.30** Flash Gordon **3.00** Gigantor **3.30** Beverly Hills Teens **4.00** Batman **4.30** Dennis the Menace **5.00** Close

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6.00am Mighty Max **7.00** Bruno the Kid **8.00** Hey Arnold! **9.00** Rugrats **10.00** Doug **11.00** Aaah! Real Monsters **12.00** Rocko's Modern Life **1.00pm** The Adventures of Pete and Pete **2.00** The Secret World of Alex Mack **3.00** Kenan and Kel **7.00** Close

TROUBLE

12.00pm Swan's Crossing **12.30** Sweat **1.00** Echo Point **1.30** Heartbreak High **2.00** Saved by the Bell **2.30** Swan's Crossing **3.00** Teenage Urban Adventurers **3.15** On the Make **3.30** Heartbreak High **4.00** Hollyoaks **4.30** Saved by the Bell **5.00** USA High **5.30** Sweat **6.00** Echo Point **6.30** Bangs **6.45** It's in the Jeans **7.00** USA High **7.30** Hollyoaks **8.00** Close

CHALLENGE TV

5.00pm Fifteen-to-One **5.50** Family Fortunes **6.30** Catchphrase **7.05** Blockbusters **7.30** Give Us a Clue **8.00** All Clued Up **8.30** Whittle **9.15** Sale of the Century **10.00** Treasure Hunt **11.15** 3-2-1 **12.30am** Moonlighting **1.30** The Big Valley **2.30** Zorro **3.00** The Byrds of Paradise **4.00** Mighty Jungle **4.30** Zorro **5.00** Screenshop

BRAVO

8.00pm The A-Team (8004451) **9.00** Tour of Duty (9091987) **10.00** The Basement (2317703) **10.30** Red Shoe Diaries (2326451) **11.00 FILM: Henry: Portrait of a Serial Killer (1986)** (8520839) **12.50am** Unbalanced World (8964391) **1.00** The Basement (7638223) **1.30** Tour of Duty (7860730) **2.30 FILM: Time Runner (1992)** (3178317) **4.20** Unbalanced World (80259339) **4.30** Red Shoe Diaries (7626488) **5.00** The A-Team (9486204)

PARAMOUNT COMEDY

7.00pm Grace Under Fire (8432) **7.30** Roseanne (9600) **8.00** Kenny Everett (7180) **8.30** Almost Perfect (3987) **9.00** Cheers (98161) **9.30** Ellen (97093) **10.00** Frasier (59345) **10.30** Absolutely (68093) **11.00** Comedy Network (77726) **11.30** Caroline in the City (14258) **12.00** Ellen (75643) **12.30am** Nurses (60223) **1.00** Cheers (91339) **1.30** Roseanne (81989) **2.00** Caroline in the City (52001) **2.30** Comedy Network (71136) **3.00** Frasier (71575) **3.30** Absolutely (62488) **4.00** Close

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

6.00pm Sightings (7585180) **6.30** Deepwater Black (7551987) **7.00** The Cape (4809451) **10.00 FILM: Psychomania (1971)** (5127838) **11.45** Scene Presents (9685513) **12.00** Sightings (5602049) **1.00am** Twilight Zone (7596049) **1.30** Tales of the Unexpected (3390117) **2.00** Dark Shadows (8842001) **2.30** New Hitchcock (8861135) **3.00** Friday the 13th (7710469)

HOME & LEISURE

9.00am The Joy of Painting **9.30** Garden Club **10.00** The Great Gardening Plot **10.30** Tool Time **11.00** Go Fishing **11.30** Hometime **12.00** The Road Show **12.30pm** The All New This Old House **1.00** Yan Can Cook **1.30** New Yankee Workshop **2.00** Home Again **2.30** The House **3.00** Cookabout **3.30** This Old House **4.00** Close

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (3698345) **4.30** Disaster (3694529) **5.00** Flightline (4128155) **5.30** Terra X (3618109) **6.00** Gorillas: Tender Giants (8616172) **7.00** Beyond 2000 (4211819) **7.30** Turning Points (3695258) **8.00** Birth of a Jet Fighter (8911797) **9.00** Disaster (3405451) **9.30** Medical Detectives (9161267) **10.00** Underwater Cops (8007548) **11.00** Forensic Detectives (2989513) **12.00** Wings of the Luftwaffe (5314833) **1.00am** Turning Points (7618469) **1.30** Beyond 2000 (8318204)

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

7.00pm Endangered (9051432) **7.30** The Terminators (4489345) **8.00** The Shark Files (5154267) **9.00** Wild Horizons (5952819) **9.30** Wild Horizons (7711180) **10.00** Antarctic Wildlife Adventure (1358600) **11.00** Side by Side (7598884) **12.00** Brutal Kinship (1492933) **1.00am** Close

TRAVEL (CABLE)

12.00pm Travel Live **1.00** On Top Of The World **1.30** On The Horizon **2.00** Worldwide Guide **2.30** The Flavours Of France **3.00** Tales From The Flying Sofa **3.30** Supercities **4.00** Around Britain **4.30** On Tour **5.00** Earth Quest **6.00** Railway Adventures Across Europe **6.30** Reel World **7.00** Travel Live **8.00** A Fork In The Road **8.30** Travel Trails **9.00** Swiss Railway Journeys **10.00** Floyd On Spain **10.30** Aspects Of Life **11.00** Snow Safari **11.30** Tales From The Flying Sofa **12.00** Close

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm The Occult History of the Third Reich (1829971) **5.00** Weapons at War (8423258) **6.00** Ancient Mysteries (1038819) **7.00** Biography: Anthony Quinn (9981068) **8.00** Close

CARLTON FOOD (CABLE)

9.00am Food Network Daily **9.30** Food for Thought **10.00** Who's Cooking Dinner? **10.30** What's Cooking? **11.00** Worrall Thompson Cooks **11.30** Graham Kerr's Kitchen **12.00** Food Network Daily **12.30pm** Winter Nosh **1.00** Food for Thought **1.30** Ideal Home Cooks **2.00** Mridula's Indian Kitchen **2.30** Food Network Daily **3.00** The Restaurant Show **3.30** Worrall Thompson Cooks **4.00** From the Ground Up **4.30** Chez Bruno **5.00** Close

LIVING

6.00am Tiny Living **9.00** Entertainment Now! **9.20** Hart to Hart **10.10** Jerry Springer **11.00** The Young and the Restless **11.55** Brookside **12.25pm** Jimmy's **1.00** Cheap Chic **1.30** Tempest! **2.20** Ready, Steady, Cook **3.00** Ready, Steady, Cook **3.40** The Heat Is On **4.10** Jerry Springer **5.00** Rolonda **5.50** Cheap Chic **6.20** Ready, Steady, Cook **7.00** Rescue 911 **7.30** Mysteries, Magic and Miracles **8.00** Side Effects **9.00 FILM: Escape from Terror: The Teresa Stamper Story** **11.00** The Spicy Sex Files **12.00** Close

ZEE TV

6.30am Narsaiyo **7.00** Jaagran **7.30** Pakistan Business Update **8.00** ZEE Business News and Music **8.30** Aahaa **9.00** Rang Birangi **9.30** Aap Ki Farmaish **10.00** Mohabbat Aik Mohabbat **11.00** Pot Luck **11.30** Damar **12.00 FILM: Rangeela Raja** **3.00pm** Mast Mast Hai Zindagi **3.30** Dastaan **4.00** Hum Paanch **4.30** Vikram Aur Betaal **5.00** Aur Ek Minute **5.30** Phoolwari Bachchon Ki **6.00** Banegi Apni Baat **6.30** Hey Ha Ho **7.00** Vacum **7.30** Cinemagic **8.00** News **8.30** Andaz **9.30** Hasratein **10.00** Bunt TV **10.30** Anhonee **11.30** ZEE Horror Show **12.00** Close



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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19 1998

Clark's dismissal as manager clears way for return of former player to Maine Road

City banking on Royle for salvation

By Richard Hobson

JOE ROYLE entered the manager's office at Maine Road yesterday and, like 13 others before him since 1979 alone, spoke at length about potential. The problem for Manchester City is that tomorrow never seems to come.

His first task is to steer the club away from a precarious position near the bottom of the Nationwide League first division. This task proved beyond Frank Clark, his predecessor, and late on Tuesday evening, City took the decision to dismiss him after just 14 months at the helm.

Unfortunately, they did not inform Clark until 7am yesterday, well after Francis Lee, the chairman, had offered the job to Royle. If that was insensitive in the extreme — and Clark is recognised as one of the most honourable men in the game — then Lee courted further criticism by his refusal to discuss Clark's contribution at a formal press conference to unveil Royle as his successor yesterday morning.





With Manchester City in the worst position in their history, Royle's immediate task is to avoid relegation. It was that prospect which led to the dismissal yesterday of Clark, right. Photographs: Phil Noble

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Royle, who turned down the chance to manage City eight years ago, signalled his interest in returning to the club that he graced as a player when he met Dennis Tueart, representing the directors, in Rochdale on Tuesday. Tueart reported back to Lee, and Royle agreed to a 2½-year contract after talking to the chairman. He has been out of work for 11 months since leaving Everton by mutual consent last year. In that time he rejected offers from Northern Ireland and West Bromwich Albion, but said he was "itching to get back into the game".

Few will be surprised at the decision to choose City as the venue for a comeback. His appointment was flagged widely once it became obvious that, after finishing fourteenth last season, City faced another season of disquiet and underachievement. Royle emphasised, however, that he played no direct role in the dismissal of his predecessor.

Echoing the words of Gianluca Vialli on his succession to Ruud Gullit at Chelsea last week, Royle said: "I feel for Frank. He has not had the best of luck. I am an honest man — sometimes honesty has let me down in the past. Some of the speculation has been embarrassing, but I am totally innocent."

His credentials go unchallenged while his self-description as a "footballing firefighter" is as apt as it is vivid. In 1994, he transformed an Everton side that had accrued just eight points in the first third of the season into a team that retained its FA Carling Premiership status with plenty to spare and also won the FA Cup. Before that, on limited resources, he supervised the most successful period in the history of Oldham Athletic.

Maine Road remains a cauldron of political intrigue and the position of Lee is at the forefront of discussion among supporters. Royle said: "I am led to believe I was a unanimous choice of the board. I am not here to save the Francis Lee regime, I am here to keep the football club in the division. The politics will sort itself out."

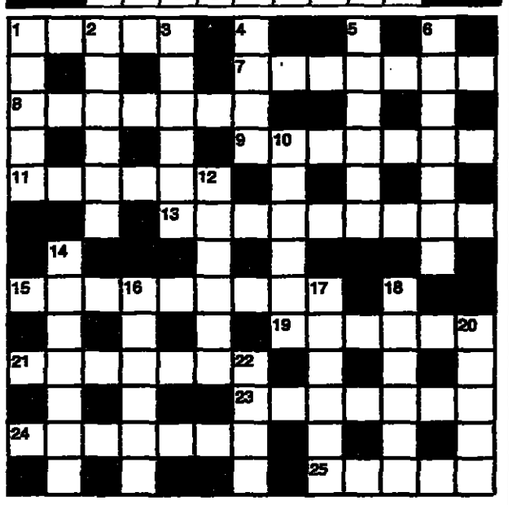
Privately, he will cringe at the acrimony of Clark's departure. He will note, too, the words of Alan Hill, the assistant sacked along with Clark and Richard Money, the reserve-team manager, and Peter Edwards, the fitness trainer. "There is a cancer deep in the club and unless it is removed there will always be problems," Hill said. Royle hopes that Willie Donachie will join him as assistant shortly.

Clark had spent around £9 million on players and knew his position was threatened long before a home defeat against Bury on Saturday. His suspicions were aroused further when the directors issued a statement without his knowledge on Monday evening, saying that he was "fully aware that the team's performances have to improve". He left with the club second from bottom, the lowest position in its history.

Royle's deeds as a player will serve him well in his relationship with supporters, but he may incur their wrath if he decides to sell Georgi Kinkladze, the gifted Georgia midfield player, to raise funds to finance signings of his own. A decision on Kinkladze is not his priority, though.

"The first task is to raise morale," he said. "To get gates of 25,000 consistently at a club that has struggled for the best part of 25 years speaks volumes for the potential here." Now where have we heard that before?

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7 Self-denying, austere (7)
8 Inter-war PM; crusader, king of Jerusalem (7)
9 Crossbar; window over door (7)
11 Gaudy-billed bird (6)
13 Clumsy (3-6)
15 Reply to insult, injury (9)
19 Await (6)
21 Got better of; yarn (7)
23 Life-assurance statistician (7)
24 Leave in lurch (7)
25 Foreign noble; be important (5)

DOWN
1 Wooden shoe (5)
2 German vowel modifier (6)
3 Seat on elephant (6)
4 Lack; desire (4)
5 Fred Perry's game (6)
6 Flout (order) (7)
10 Disprove (6)
12 Indigenous (6)
14 Defensive outwork (7)
16 Away, missing (6)
17 Excitingly unusual (6)
18 Sense of events repeating (4,2)
20 Romantic assignation (5)
22 Cold and clammy (4)

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New appointment represents Lee's last roll of the dice

David Maddock predicts a titanic task to raise Manchester City from new depths

Francis Lee appears to have maintained a time-honoured tradition at Manchester City with his appointment of Joe Royle. The crass manner in which Frank Clark learnt of his dismissal — over the local radio airwaves at breakfast — wonderfully encapsulates three decades of turmoil at Maine Road.

It was the chairman, while still a player, who suggested that City would be trophy-laden "if there was a cup for cock-ups" and, since assuming control of the club in January 1994, he has done his best to enhance that theory.

Lee was swept into power at City on a tidal wave of "forward with Franny" enthusiasm, and yet since taking charge from the late Peter Swales, he has presided over an inexorable decline, taking the club from mid-table FA Carling Premiership comfort, to the lowest position in its history — two places from the foot of the Nationwide League first division.

Lee has outdone even Swales in his use of managers. When he agreed a deal to replace Swales as chairman, Lee's first promise was to end the seemingly inevitable procession.

Royle becomes Lee's seventh manager in four years, a statistic that makes Swales's behaviour the epitome of loyalty. Like Clark, Brian Horton — Lee's first manager — learnt of his departure through the media. Since then, Alan Ball, Asa Hartford, Steve Coppell, Phil Neal, Clark and now Royle have been called upon to stop the City rot.

Lee also promised to address the problem of City being regarded as Manchester's second club and there he has kept his word, in the sense that they are now Greater Manchester's fifth club, behind United, Bolton Wanderers, Stockport County and even Bury, whose victory at Maine Road last Saturday ended Clark's tenure.

It is against this backdrop that Lee acted yesterday, apparently in a desperate attempt to save his own skin. On his appointment, he famously declared that he would give himself three years to turn the club around and, if he failed, would not need the fans to tell him it was time to go.

And yet, against a riotous chorus of opposition from just about everyone connected with the club, he clings desperately to the last fragments of power at Maine Road. Lee only owns around a 12 per cent stake in Manchester City and only this week David Makin, a key shareholder, called for him to resign.

Makin, along with John Wardle, his business partner, holds a 19 per cent stake and also has a close alliance with Stephen Boler, the largest shareholder with around 25 per cent. At a board meeting today, Makin will attempt to call an emergency meeting, in which it appears he has sufficient backing to force a vote of no confidence in Lee.

Add to this a backdrop of various campaigns among supporters to oust their chairman and Lee should surely be sneaking, shame-faced for the exit. So why is he still there?

Makin suggests it is because he is holding out for the best price on his shares, but the answer is probably pride. After a glittering playing career at Maine Road, he cannot accept the failure of his tenure as chairman.

Yesterday Royle, significantly, argued that it was the whole board that made the decision to appoint him, and it seems that Dennis Tueart, Makin's representative on the board, acted as the go-between in early negotiations.

So Lee, in fact, had little, initially, to do with the changeover, as even Clark hinted yesterday. Given Tueart's involvement, it was probably instigated by Makin, with Lee forced to go along with events to give himself breathing space.

Lee's detractors on the board may allow him to remain in place until the end of the season, reasoning that any more upheaval will hardly assist the campaign against relegation.

But beyond that? Boler is already negotiating the sale of his shares and those held in trust for Mrs Swales and should the new man buy what is a stake of around 30 per cent, under stock market rules, he will be forced to make an offer for the rest of shares. Surely even Lee would not refuse to sell then.

He would do well to listen to the words this week of Dave Wallace, who edits the City fanzine, *King of the Kippax*. "I used to salute Francis Lee's company vans when they went by," he said. "Now I stick two fingers up to them." The appointment of Royle may just have been a similar gesture from Lee, but it is surely only a fleeting one.

The fortunes of Manchester's two clubs since Alex Ferguson was appointed manager of United in 1986

MANCHESTER UNITED		MANCHESTER CITY	
Managers: One		Managers: Eleven	
Alex Ferguson			
Honours:		1986-87:	Jimmy Frizzell
Premier League:		1987-89:	Mel Machin
Champions: 1992-93, 1993-94, 1995-96, 1996-97.		1990:	Howard Kendall
Runners-up: 1994-95		1990-93:	Peter Reid
FA Cup:		1993-95:	Brian Horton
Winners: 1990, 1994, 1996.		1995-96:	Alan Ball
Runners-up: 1995.		1996:	Asa Hartford (caretaker)
League Cup:		1996:	Steve Coppell
Winners: 1992.		1996:	Phil Neal (caretaker)
Runners-up: 1991, 1994.		1996-98:	Frank Clark
European Cup Winners' Cup:		1998	Joe Royle
Winners: 1990-91		Honours: None	

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